

**COMMENT OF
THE DAY**

Pakistan

THE dismissal of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly on Sunday by the Governor-General, the aging Ghulam Mohammed has a significant parallel with the action of the same Governor in June this year when, without warning, he declared a State of Emergency, dismissed the United Front Provincial Government of East Pakistan (or East Bengal) and replaced it with a military Government. Although it is difficult to ascertain the fundamental reasons for the Governor's action on Sunday, it appears that there were basically similar considerations involved in the dismissal of both Governments—chiefly the desire to preserve the unity of the two Moslem states of East and West Pakistan. It was felt in Karachi that the United Front Government, which only two months before had swept to power on a landslide vote, would have given the eastern province a far greater measure of provincial autonomy if it had been allowed to continue with its plans. As this state is by far the stronger of the two both economically and in population numbers it would have eventually led to the domination of West by East or the secession of East from Pakistan to become an independent Moslem state. It is ironic that the Governor appointed to administer East Pakistan after the ousting of the United Front Government, Major-General Iskander Mirza, was on Sunday given the important portfolio of Minister of the Interior following the Governor's coup.

THE preservation of unity of the two Pakistanis was one of the main underlying considerations in Sunday's drastic action but there were also many other reasons why the Governor suddenly called the powerful Pakistan Army to assist in the Administration of the country. The country has arrived at a stage of evolution towards a Republic when any major political disturbance could seriously jeopardise the seven years of arduous work put into framing a constitution for Pakistan. Elections had been arranged for next year but the continued stability of the country was by no means assured. The Constituent Assembly of Pakistan, largely composed of the Moslem League, elected seven years ago, ceased to be representative of political feeling in the country largely because of its unpopularity in East Bengal and in spite of the fact that the Cabinet consisted of a majority of Bengali men, including Mohammed Ali himself. Because of the country's state of unrest since its separation from India in 1947, the Governor-General has had to employ virtually authoritarian rule. This has not endeared him to politicians like Hkwas Nazimuddin, leader of the East Bengal group in the Moslem League, who was summarily dismissed from the Premiership of the country in 1953 and who in turn secured a snap vote earlier this year in reprisal to curtail the powers of the Governor-General to dismiss Premiers.

It is certainly a tangled picture of intrigue and plotting and a most unenviable and uncomfortable position for the Governor. He possibly called in the Army to save the rapidly deteriorating situation because he feared the rising power of East Bengal again. Politically the Bengalis are somewhat apathetic about accepting American military aid and they are certainly closer to Southeast Asia than their westernised compatriots who live 1,500 miles away on the other side of India and who favour an alliance with neighbouring Turkey and Persia. Prime Minister Mohammed Ali has not been removed from office. But he becomes a figurehead and for the present is no longer a force to be reckoned with. It is timely to call elections but it is doubtful whether this will bring an end to Pakistan's troubles for inevitably the rivalries between the two states will dominate the scene again. An Army dictatorship is an undesirable alternative to democracy but it should at least give the country the necessary stability before the elections are held next year. It would not be surprising if after the elections the new Pakistan Government followed the example of its Moslem brother states, Egypt, Syria, and Iraq, and the Army played a key role in the background.

**Washington
Reports:**

**In New York They
Say**

**Queen Mother
Was A
Good Sailor**

New York, Oct. 26. The Queen Mother arrived from Britain late today for her second visit to the United States, after a stormy ocean voyage that earned her the admiring title of "a good sailor" from crew members of the Queen Elizabeth, her name. The Queen Mother stood on the bridge of the flag-decorated ship Queen Elizabeth as it moved slowly through fog into New York Harbour, past the Statue of Liberty and alongside the skyscrapers of Lower Manhattan. Disregarding the gloomy weather, she was wearing a pale blue outfit with white fox fur over her shoulders. The ship, flying the Queen Mother's standard, docked at 4:47 p.m., 12 hours later than the original schedule because of a storm that rocked it on the last two days of the crossing. TWO SEASICK Two of the Queen Mother's 12 attendants developed seasickness, but crew members said the weather did not bother the Queen. Passengers saw a great deal of the gracious smiling Queen Mother during the five-day crossing. She attended the boat drill, appeared at the children's parties in all three classes of the ship, ate dinner twice with other passengers in the dining room and often sat on deck, even during the bad weather. "There's no doubt about it, she was charming," a ship's joiner told reporters. "She inspected every part of this ship. Everybody had a good word for her. She even spoke to me, and I never saw her before in my life. She was charming," he repeated. "That's the only word you can say for it."

An estimated 3,000 persons—those interested in the Royal visitor and a number of Irish American Minutemen—stood outside the 50th Street pier of the Cunard Line. The Minutemen carried signs which said: "It is not a Royal tour, it's another British bite." Or, "Royalty can be loathed because they get the dough; England, keep your Royalty, we'll keep our dough." Also, "There'll always be an Ireland when the English Empire is dead."—United Press.

**MORE SHIPS HIT BY BIG
DOCK STRIKE**

London, Oct. 26. Britain's wave of dock strikes brought more ships to a standstill as the Government and leaders of commerce and industry warned that the country was heading for economic chaos.

There was a small trickle back during the day of 500 strikers but at the same time 200 other dock workers were leaving their jobs. By tonight, there were still more than 43,000 men on strike in eight ports, tying up 344 ships, three more than last night.

**Attack Planned
On New
Paris Agreement**

Bonn, Oct. 26. The Social Democratic opposition, partly today discussed with its legal specialists whether it could oppose an "unconstitutional" the Paris plan to bring West Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. The discussions were coupled with a detailed examination of the terms of the plan. The Party also reiterated its opposition to the new Saar statute for the "Europeanisation" of the Saar, saying it was a "sell out" of the industrial territory to France. Observers here believed the Social Democrats are studying the possibility of challenging the new plan to set up a "600,000" strong German national army in the same way they tentatively attacked the joint European Defence Community plan in the West German constitutional court in Bonn.

MORE ATOMIC TESTS IN RUSSIA
**Fall-out Of Radioactive
Material
Reported Over America**

Washington, Oct. 26.

Russia has exploded more atomic weapons in a series of tests since the middle of last month, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission announced today.

The Commission Chairman, Mr Lewis Strauss, said the explosions "began in mid-September and continued at intervals to the present."

He added: "As is generally the case with nuclear detonations, these tests have resulted in some widespread fall-out of radioactive material, but insignificantly in the United States."

The Commission did not say whether the explosions involved A-Bombs or H-Bombs or both.

Russia announced on September 17 that it had exploded another nuclear weapon to test its battle effects. The Commission said the tests had continued at intervals to the present.

It said the explosions had been "in Soviet territory" but it did not pinpoint the test area. The Commission's use of the words "nuclear explosives" could cover both A-Bombs and H-Bombs.

The announcement seemed to indicate that the Russians had touched off at least three explosions in the new series. They

have had at least four other nuclear tests, beginning in September 1949 and including a hydrogen explosion in August 1953. The current series is apparently the first this year.

The United States will begin its next atomic tests early next autumn at the AEC's Nevada proving grounds. These will involve comparatively small, tactical weapons. Larger blasts of the type that would be used in strategic bombing are staged in the Pacific Ocean test area.

It is three is the correct number of Soviet explosions in the new series, it brings Russia's total number of explosions to at least 11. The world total would be 64, including 50 by the United States and three by Britain.

In line with its usual practice, the U.S. Atomic Commission said it would make no further announcement about the Soviet tests unless "some unusual development would appear to warrant it."

NARROWING GAP? Responsible sources believe the Russians may be narrowing the gap between their country and the United States in developing new atomic weapon models.

They said the Soviet tests appeared to be operating on the pattern set by the United States—testing different designs of weapons for diversified uses. In the test series that followed the hydrogen explosion in 1953, the Russians apparently experimented with tactical-sized weapons. Qualified observers here doubt that the Russians have made any sensational scientific development that might lead to revolutionary new kinds of nuclear weapons.

TRIGGER MECHANISMS Presumably, they are working mainly to improve their trigger

mechanisms and develop a larger family of weapons for their atomic arsenal.

Although the technical gap may be narrowing, it is believed the United States still has a commanding lead in both number and variety of atomic weapons. Unofficial sources have guessed that this country has a stockpile of between 3,000 and 6,000 weapons of one kind or another, compared with upwards of 500 for Russia.—Reuter & United Press.

**Sensational Report
At Spy Inquiry**

**Vietminh Knew
French**

Battle Plans

Paris, Oct. 26.

Police sources today quoted French officers who fought in Indo-China as saying the Communists knew French battlefield plans ahead of time and "every time we were to make some move we found Vietminh troops there and waiting for us."

The officers testified before the military inquiry into the recent scandal of defence secrets leaks from the National Defence Council.

Police sources said the officers claimed many French military setbacks in Indo-China happened because the Communists knew of French plans.

The officers told the investigators they believed the information came from the National Defence Council, the police sources said.

HUNG A CONVICT The sources said the officers came forward with their testimony after Major Maurice Barthelemy claimed yesterday he heard reports last July that information about French

Cabinet decisions had been passed to French Communists and relayed in turn to the Vietminh in Indo-China.

Meanwhile, it was reported that former Police Inspector Jean Dides of Paris, around whose shoulders the spy scandal fell, told officials today that he hired an escaped convict, Albert Delarue, with full knowledge of the man's background.

Dides said Delarue was used in anti-Communist efforts because he (Dides) felt the man had other qualifications which justified overlooking his criminal record.

Dides is charged with helping a criminal and with complicity in obtaining a passport for Delarue to go to Washington last year.

Secret documents which broke the spy scandal were first discovered on Dides' desk.—United Press.

**A-Bomb Victim
Dies**

Tokyo, Oct. 26.

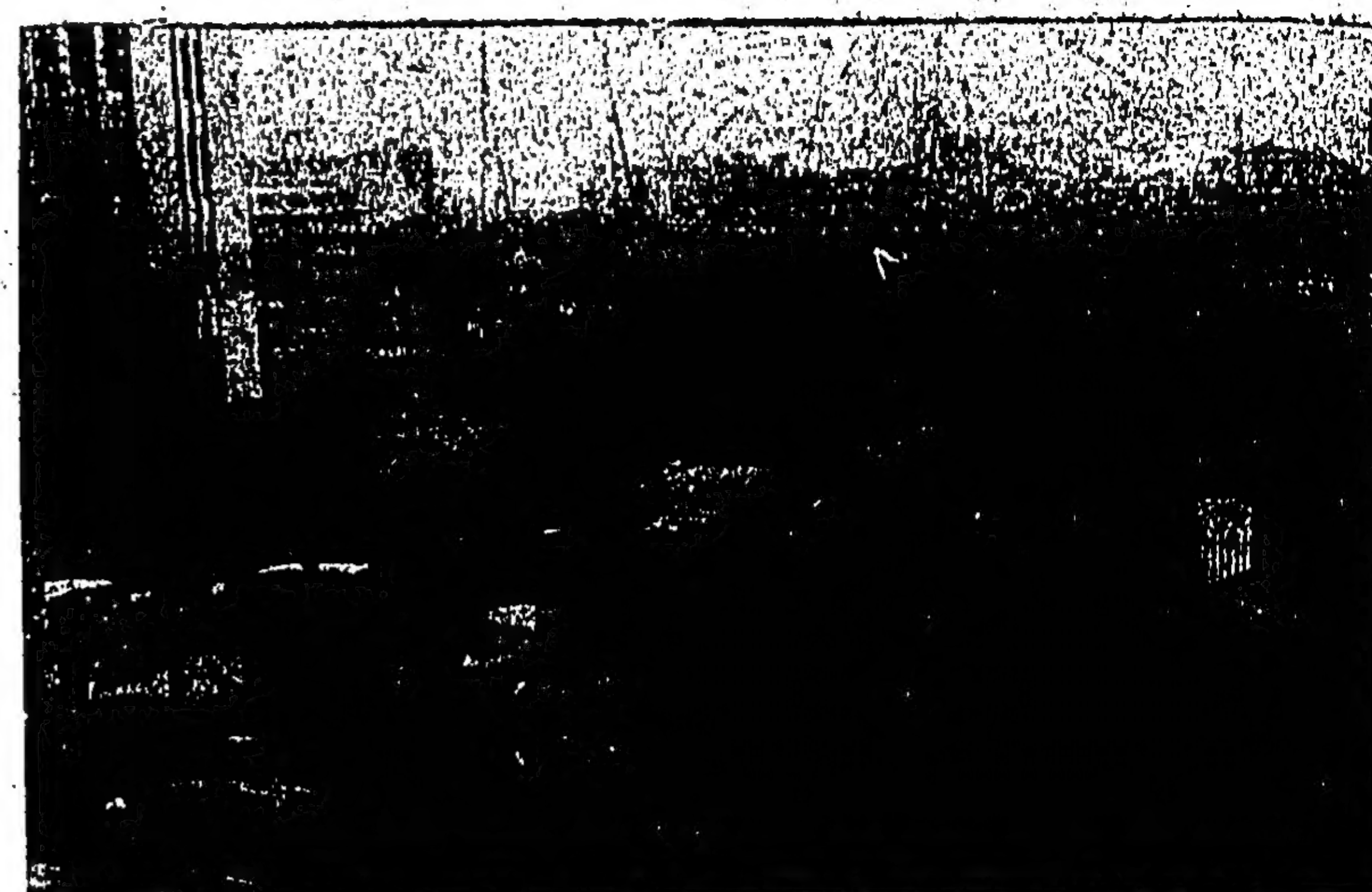
Japanese press reports from Hiroshima today said a nine-year-old girl died in a Hiroshima hospital on October 24 from "secondary radiation sickness" caused by the atomic bombing of the city nine years ago.

The girl, Norie Iwanaka, was the 45th person reported to have died in Hiroshima this year from the effects of the bombing.

She was the daughter of a Hiroshima resident who was killed in the bombing.

The 11-year-old Premier died of cancer when the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, on August 9, 1945.

LONDONERS WALK TO WORK



The scene looking across London Bridge as workers make their way to work on foot and in cars—with not a bus in sight—owing to the recent bus strike. The Pool of London is also practically empty of shipping through the dockers' strike. —London Express Photo.

**ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT ON
COLONEL NASSER**

Alexandria, Oct. 26.

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser narrowly escaped death this evening when a youth, later identified as a member of the Moslem Brotherhood, fired six shots at him during a Liberation Rally celebrating the recently-concluded Suez agreement.

All six shots missed Nasser but two members of his entourage were hit. The Sudanese Minister of Education, Mirghani Hemza was hit in the left hand and the Assistant Secretary of the Liberation Rally branch in Alexandria, Ahmed Badr, was hit in the side.

The attempted assassination took place five minutes after Colonel Nasser began addressing a crowd of 100,000 packing Liberation Square.

The would-be assassin was later identified as Mahmoud Abdel Lahif. But he denied he intended to shoot Nasser. He explained he was shooting in the air as an expression of joy.

Police allege the man fired six shots from a pistol from a distance of about 25 yards at the first-floor balcony.

to die, and then resumed his speech.

When the first shot rang out, Nasser, who was speaking about the freedom of Egypt, cut himself short and shouted, "Everybody, keep still!"

He repeated his order several times and then told the crowd with obvious emotion: "I put all my confidence in you, my life is in your hands. I belong to you. Do what you like to me. I will know how to die if God wills it. I have fought for the freedom of my country and I can die at peace. If an unscrupulous assassin has tried to take my life, he cannot take yours." —United Press and France-Press.

**245 Killed
In Big
Rainstorm**

Salerno, Oct. 27. At least 245 people were killed and 150 missing after a cyclonic rainstorm devastated Salerno Province on Monday night. It was announced early today.

In Salerno itself, 100 were dead and 20 missing. The rest of the casualties were in outlying regions. Houses, bridges and railways were wrecked. Many died when houses, their foundations weakened by the rains, collapsed during the night. At Vietri, on the outskirts of Salerno, 50 people were reported buried under the debris.

The rains sent avalanches roaring down the mountains between Nocera and Maiori, blocking roads and tearing down telephone and telegraph lines. At other points, landslides destroyed a railway bridge and sent a stretch of tracks plunging into the sea between Vietri and Salerno, cutting the main rail link between Naples and the south. The road north of Salerno was also blocked. Several small rivers, swollen by the rains, spilled over the flooded cellars at Nocera, Vietri and other places.—Reuter.

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The furious crowd seized the youthful gunman and started to beat him up. The police immediately intervened and took him into custody. The ceremony then went on.

This was the first attempt on the life of Nasser or on any member of the Revolutionary Council since the 1952 coup that deposed King Farouk.

The 21-year-old Premier did not blink when the shots were fired. He showed no signs of being hurt by the shooting.

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American troops bid farewell to their local girl friends
when their train leaves Trieste after the hand over. The
Americans are travelling to Leghorn en route for the United
States.—Express Photo.

Ho Chi Minh Man Of Peace Says Mr Nehru

London, Oct. 26.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, told his press conference in Peking today that the Vietnamese President, Dr Ho Chi-minh, "struck me not only very much as a man of peace but as an extraordinarily likeable and friendly person," the New China news agency reported.

Mr Nehru met the Vietnamese leader for the first time when he visited Indo-China on his way to China.

CHINA IN U.N.

The agency said he also told reporters India had "always felt it necessary from many points of view in the cause of world peace that China should participate fully in the United Nations."

Mr Nehru said the Geneva conference was an "excellent example of people with different points of view meeting together and hammering out a settlement."

He said the South-east Asian Treaty Organisation (SEATO) interfered with the current feeling of conciliation and was a "drawback to that extent." It also "added to the tensions."

Mr Nehru was then asked about the settlement of Korea and said: "The first step is to keep the Geneva conference on"

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ITALIANS JUBILANT

Trieste Handing Over Ceremony Prevented By Weather GUARDS OF HONOUR CANCELLED

Trieste, Oct. 26.

Britain and America today left Trieste to the Italians — but stormy weather and stormier crowds prevented the handing over ceremony from taking place.

There was wild public rejoicing and official confusion. Generals, representing the three nations, were to meet on Trieste's fine seafront. But only General John Dabney, Commander of the United States Garrison, got to the meeting place where he waited in vain for the other two.

Because of howling wind and drenching rain, General Sir John Winterton, British Commander, here for the past four years, cancelled the orders for British and American guards of honour to parade for the ceremony.

Then an Italian liaison officer announced that General Winterton would be unable to attend because his Italian escort could not ensure his passage through the milling crowds and because the weather compelled the three British warships to put to sea as quickly as possible.

ASSUMED CANCELLED

Meanwhile, General Edmondo de Renzi, the new Italian Commander in Trieste, hearing of the cancellation of the British and American guards of honour, assumed the whole ceremony was off.

Only the United States General and an American army band which was hurriedly disembarked from a navy transport to play the three national anthems appeared at the scene of the ceremony.

Derisive whistles from a vast crowd which had broken through all police cordons signalled the sailing of the British destroyer, Whirlwind, with General Winterton aboard.

General de Renzi, mobbed by deliriously excited crowds drove

to the city at the head of three Bersaglieri sharpshooters, and went straight to the Great Piazza Dell'Unita (Unity Square) for a big Italian ceremony.

After an hour, General Dabney drove away with a police motor cycle escort and the crowds fell back from him in response to the appeal of the public address system.

Only dimly aware of the official fiasco, hundreds of thousands of people swarmed round the newly-arrived Italian troops pelting them with flowers and streamers.

A violent rainstorm with a 50-mile per hour wind, the windscreens of the Italian vehicles were quickly clogged with paper leaflets and banners thrown by the crowds. One car was badly damaged by running into the vehicle in front of it.

Three hundred thousand people had poured into Trieste from Italy during the night doubling the city's population.

CARS ENTANGLED

Their cars got entangled with the columns of the 6,000 Italian troops, the first of whom moved into the Trieste territory at midnight when all the remaining British and American troops had withdrawn to their warships.

By dawn, the Italians had taken up all strategic positions in the territory occupying their side of the boundary with the Yugoslav zone of Trieste.

From less than three miles away, Yugoslav outposts on the new frontier could catch glimpses between the squalls of the rejoicing in Trieste.

Allied troops had fallen back 36 hours previously to allow the Yugoslav to take over an area of three square miles which had previously belonged to the Anglo-American zone of Trieste.

The area was allotted to Yugoslavia in the Trieste agreement negotiated during the first nine months of this year in London between Britain, the United States, Italy and Yugoslavia.

—Reuters.

Mrs Field Hears From Husband

London, Oct. 26.

Mrs Kate Field said here today her American husband, Hermann Field, just released from a Polish prison, is staying at a rest home near Warsaw till he is fit to travel.

Mrs Field issued this statement: "I have received a telegram from Hermann, saying that he is longing to come home to me and the boys but that he needs to recuperate for a short while before travelling."

Mr Field, an architect in Cleveland, Ohio, went to Italy in 1949 to attend an architectural conference. He planned to go to Warsaw and Prague afterwards in search of his missing brother Noel Vanderbilt Field, an American State Department employee, but disappeared after reaching Italy. Mrs Field did not hear of him till a month ago she learned he was in a Polish prison.—China Mail Special.

Puerto Ricans Gaoled For Conspiracy

New York, Oct. 26.

Thirteen Puerto Rican Nationalists, convicted of seditious conspiracy against the United States, were today sentenced to six years' imprisonment each. Federal Judge Lawrence E. Walsh, pronounced the sentences against the group, charged with plotting to overthrow the United States Government by force.

Among the 13 defendants were the four who shot up the House of Representatives on March 1 and wounded five of its members.

The group self-styled leader, Lolita Lebron, 34-year-old fiery brunette, was given a prison sentence in July of from 16 years eight months to 60 years for this assault while her three male companions in the shooting then received sentences of from 25 to 75 years each.

Judge Walsh today ordered all four to serve the fresh sentence of six years' imprisonment in

addition to the sentences already imposed on them.

Today's sentences for conspiracy resulted from the activities of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party to further their country's independence.

Evidence was given that they had planned to attack other United States officials—including President Eisenhower.

Seventeen people were indicted on this charge originally, but four, pleaded guilty and testified against their former colleagues. They are still awaiting sentence.—Reuters.

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INDIA'S ARMS PLAN REJECTED

American-German Friendship Treaty

Washington, Oct. 26. The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, is expected to sign a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between Germany and the United States during his visit to Washington this week.

Authoritative sources said today that arrangements for a treaty, normalising commercial relations between the two countries, were now practically complete. It was expected that Dr. Adenauer and the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, would sign it on Friday.

The pact will lay down the basic principles for trade between the two countries and put Germany on the same footing as other nations. In recent years, trade has been conducted on an interim basis along the lines of the 1923 treaty of friendship and commerce, amended to meet modern conditions.

Signature of the treaty is likely to be the most concrete achievement of the Chancellor's four-day visit to Washington which begins tomorrow. Herr Theodor Blank, who will be in charge of West Ger-

many's defence programme, is not accompanying his chief. Interpreted here as an indication that Dr. Adenauer will not have any detailed discussion on United States assistance in equipping the new German army.

In the main, he will be here on a ceremonial visit, officials stressed.

INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS
Informal negotiations on arms for West Germany have been going on for several months. A large quantity of equipment, earmarked for Germany, is ready in depots in the United States and Europe. But United States officials are not ready to discuss the allocation of United States military aid or offshore procurement orders. It was agreed at the Paris conference that such questions should be postponed until next January.—Reuter.

Vyshinsky Agrees With West Atomic Powers AUST. RESOLUTION ALSO OPPOSED

United Nations, Oct. 26.

The Big Five atomic powers agreed tonight to reject India's demand for "an armament truce" pending conclusion of a disarmament treaty.

The Indian delegate, V. K. Krishna Menon, speaking in the United Nations Main Political Committee today, asked that the U.N. Disarmament Commission "study ways and means of establishing an armament truce pending agreement on a disarmament convention".

Shortly after Mr. Menon spoke, the United States Atomic Energy Commission announced in Washington that Russia was staging a new series of nuclear test explosions — whether atomic or hydrogen bombs was not specified — which started in mid-September.

Representatives of the U.S., Britain, France and Canada conferred privately after today's Political Committee meeting and agreed that they could not accept India's proposal for an armament truce.

NOTE TO VYSHINSKY
Their conclusion was taken to Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky of Russia, who agreed last Friday to co-sponsor

with the West a resolution on procedure to set up private talks among the four Western powers and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Vyshinsky told Mr. Paul Martin, Canadian delegate who has been the chief go-between in the current East-West negotiations, that Russia joined the others in opposition to the Indian proposal.

But Mr. Vyshinsky expressed willingness to join the four Western powers in a procedural resolution which would end the Indian suggestions, put forth today by Mr. Menon in resolution form, to the private discussions for consideration. Under this plan, the U.N. General Assembly would not pass on the merit of the Indian proposals.

Mr. Vyshinsky also expressed opposition, informed sources said, to an Australian resolution asking the U.N. Secretariat to compile a working paper on the disarmament positions of the big powers.

The Western powers were said to be split on the measure, for which Australia was actively lobbying. It appeared that some, probably including the U.S., would vote for it while others would abstain.—United Press.

Yeh To Meet Hoover Before Leaving U.S.

Washington, Oct. 26.

Mr. George K. C. Yeh, Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, is scheduled to call on the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Herbert Hoover, Jr., late today for a discussion of matters of mutual interest, the Embassy reported.

Mr. Yeh, who has been heading his country's delegation to the United Nations, is engaged in a series of talks with American officials in Washington. Yesterday he talked with Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Acheson Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency. This morning Mr. Yeh called on Mr. Glen Lloyd, Deputy Director of the Foreign Operations Administration. Chinese officials said that Mr. Yeh wanted to talk with American officials on "routine matters" before he leaves the U.S. next month to return to China by way of Europe.—United Press.

Red China Will Occupy Old Nationalist Embassy

London, Oct. 26.

Mr. Huan Hsiang, newly appointed envoy to Britain of the Chinese Communist Government, will arrive here to take up his post at midday tomorrow.

He is flying from Stockholm by a Scandinavian Airlines plane. Mr. Hsiang will be charged with the task of setting up the Chinese Communist Government in London until Britain and China decide to appoint ambassadors in each other's capital.

His arrival will open up the Chinese Embassy in London for the first time since Britain recognised the Chinese Communist Government in January, 1950.

He is expected to take over the Embassy building in Portland Place in the West End of London, previously occupied by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Government.



Charlie Chaplin meets Abbe Pierre at the Hotel Crillon in Paris and gives him two million francs for his charity fund.—Express Photo.

YOSHIDA STRESSES EARLIER ACCORD

London, Oct. 26.

About 300 members of the Japan Society of London and the Japanese Association gave a joint reception here tonight for the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida.

The guests included many prominent businessmen connected with Anglo-Japanese trade as well as officials of the Board of Trade and the Treasury.

In an address of welcome, Sir Robert Craigie, a former British Ambassador in Japan, said: "Everyone admires the courage and perseverance of Mr. Yoshida. He has courage to do a superlative degree. No one knows better than I do the great risks he took before the war, opposing the policies of the militarists. Since the war he has maintained those characteristics."

Sir Robert Craigie added that Mr. Yoshida had not even been daunted by the political events in Japan, which delayed and threatened to call off the Prime Minister's world tour.

HAPPY TRADITION

The 70-year-old Prime Minister, in his reply recalled his previous stay in London as Japanese Ambassador. He spoke of the "happy tradition of friendship between our two nations" early in the century.

"Unfortunately with the annulment of the alliance at the end of the first world war and the subsequent ascendancy of the military clique in our country, British-Japanese relations began to deteriorate until finally under the dictatorship of a minority, our nation was driven into a reckless and ruinous war."

"The new Japan, chastened and free, has re-entered the citadel of friendship with Britain," Mr. Yoshida said. "It was heartening that there were such organisations as the Japan Society and the Japanese Association, who had wide influence in Britain and were good friends of Japan. He hoped they would continue to work for the furtherance of amicable relations between the two countries.—Reuter.

Churchill Refuses To Be Drawn On Power Talks

London, Oct. 26.

Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, said today he did not think the time had come for a four-power conference, including Soviet Russia. He had been questioned in the House of Commons about a possible meeting between himself and Mr. Georgi Malenkov, the Soviet Premier.

Labour Member, Mr. William Warley, asked in what form he conveyed to the Soviet Union his "expression of willingness to meet Mr. Malenkov" if agreement could be reached on an appropriate time and place.

(The Prime Minister had used this phrase in reply to a question last week.)

NO REASON

Sir Winston Churchill replied: "I have no reason to think that the Soviet authorities are in any doubt about my views on this matter. But I am not going to be drawn into discussing methods of communication."

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Labour left-wing leader, complained: "The Prime Minister says week after week that he is ready for high level talks with the Russians but whenever they invite him to have them, then he declines."

Sir Winston Churchill: "I do not know what invitation you refer to."

Mr. Bevan: "The last invitation from the Soviet Union."

Sir Winston Churchill: "That was a general invitation to a four-power conference. At this particular stage when agreements reached in Western Europe have still to be ratified, I do not think the moment has been reached for a four-power conference."

Mr. Bevan suggested that was all the more reason why the Prime Minister should accept the invitation.

MR. FRANCE'S VIEWS

The French Premier, M. Mendes-France, a party to the recent understandings and agreements in London and Paris, had said he saw no reason why the talks should not run concurrently with the establishment of the Western European Union, he added.

Sir Winston Churchill replied: "Whether there should be a four-power conference, including the Soviet, is a matter which must be discussed by the governments concerned. The exact relations of such a very important meeting to any personal contacts I might have with Mr. Malenkov, would not in any way affect the decisions on the main issues.—Reuter.

Plane Search Continues

Wiesbaden, Oct. 26. The U.S. Air Force headquarters said today that three plane wrecks had so far been spotted over the French Maritime Alps but none of them was the remains of its C-47 which disappeared on Sunday night with 21 persons aboard.

The debris spotted belonged to aircraft which crashed "a long time ago."

Another 10 planes have joined the search, drawn from the south of France and based in Germany, bringing the number of search planes to 71. The C-47 was on a flight from Rome to Paris.

PARAFFIN COCKTAIL

Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, Oct. 26.

A Salisbury householder awakened at night by the sound of singing and shouting downstairs found an African burglar dancing round without a care in the world.

It appeared that after breaking into the house the burglar had drunk some paraffin which he thought was gin and had followed this up with a mouthful of sherry.

He woke up next day in a prison cell.—China Mail Special.

Light Brigade Celebrate Anniversary

Frankfurt, Oct. 26.

Four British mechanised cavalry regiments in Germany, descendants of the famous Light Brigade, which charged the Russian guns at Balaklava, yesterday commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Crimean war battle.

At Walford, near the 13th and 18th Hussars, some mounted on horse and wearing the regimental full dress uniform, and others in modern battle dress, in armoured vehicles, paraded before the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General C. N. Miller.

The Regiment known as the 15th Light Dragoons at the time of Balaklava, rode on the right of the line in the charge.

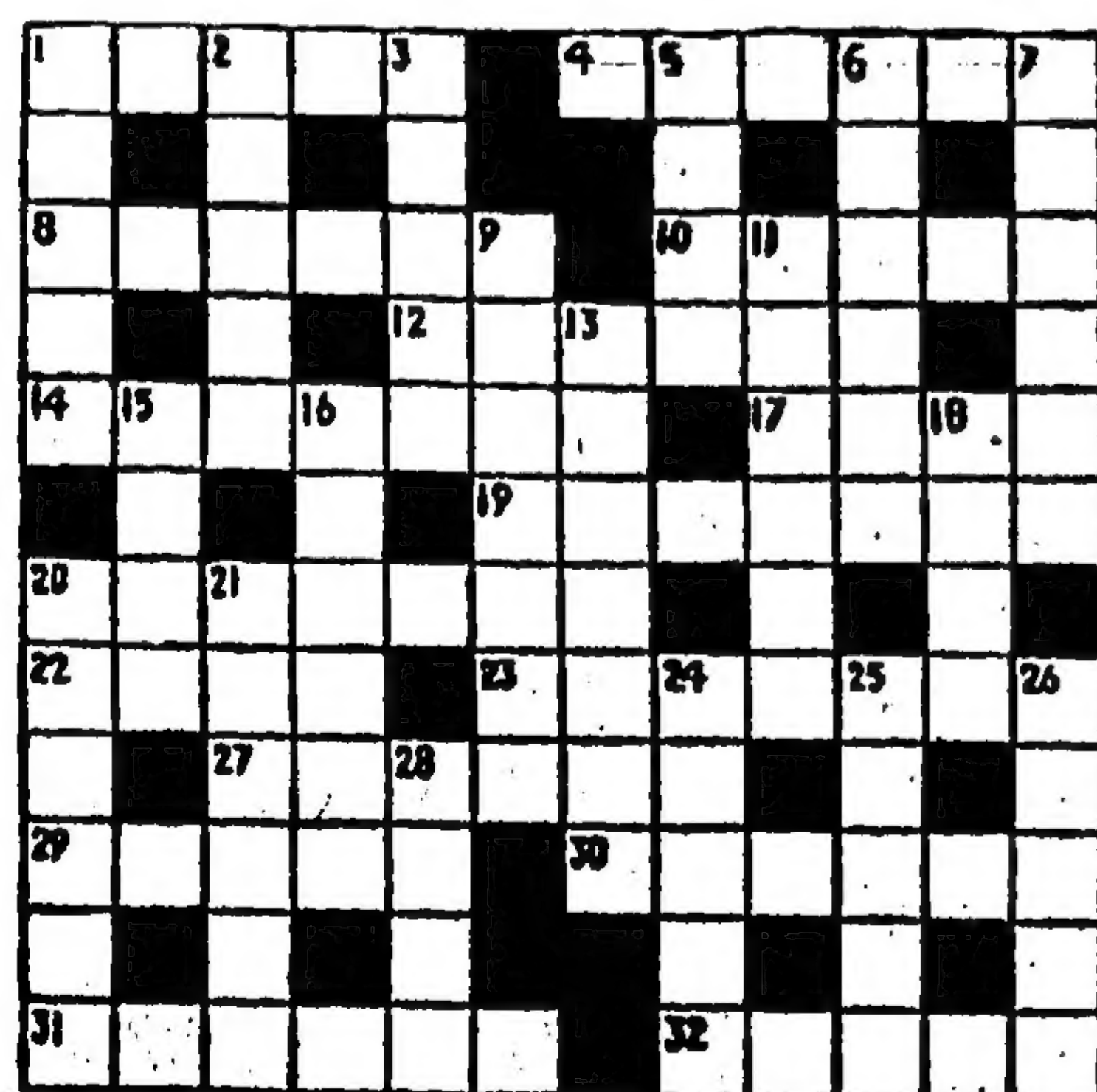
17TH/21ST LANCERS

At Münster, the 17th/21st Lancers, known as the "Death or Glory Boys" from their skill and cross-country, cap motto—ended four days of celebrations. Then Colonel, Lieutenant-General Richard A. Hull, Commander of the Allied Land Forces in the Middle East, inspected a parade of the Regiment's tanks and afterwards marched with the Regiment to a special church service.

The fourth Hussars—the 4th Light Dragoons at Balaklava—and the 18th Hussars who are stationed near each other, exchanged visits and joint celebrations.

The Charge of the Light Brigade was one of the bravest and most tragic episodes in British military history. Because of a misunderstood order, 878 horsemen rode for more than a mile through murderous artillery and small arms fire from front and flanks to storm the Russian guns, supported by more than three times as many cavalry. Only 195 came back.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Beverage (5).
- 4 Disturbance (6).
- 8 Staggered (6).
- 10 Month (5).
- 12 Extreme light (6).
- 14 Deadlock (7).
- 17 Crippled (4).
- 19 Ruined (7).
- 20 Stronghold (7).
- 22 Exclamation of woe (4).
- 23 Matured (7).
- 27 Written communication (6).
- 29 Unfurnished kid (5).
- 30 Hobbies (6).
- 31 Hints (6).
- 32 Recover (6).

DOWN

- 1 Kind of dog (5).
- 2 Inexpensive (5).
- 3 Aids (5).
- 5 Bellow (4).
- 6 Animal enclosure (6).
- 7 Found the answer to (6).
- 9 Fruit course (7).
- 11 Courtroom (6).
- 13 Answers (7).
- 15 Kind of armour (4).
- 16 Humble (6).
- 18 Lake (4).
- 20 Brought about (6).
- 21 Special aptitude (6).
- 24 Earlier (5).
- 25 Unusual (5).
- 26 Dark (5).
- 28 Rip (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Arblers, 8 Open, 9 Affected, 11 Departed, 13 Glen, 15 Arrested, 18 Earnings, 19 Rest, 21 Debarred, 23 Conceded, 26 Full, 27 Resolute. Down: 1 Bold, 2 Deep, 4 Rift, 5 Iced, 6 Ratel, 7 Slide, 9 Arise, 10 Fever, 12 Series, 14 Beale, 16 Tamed, 17 Dressed, 19 Reveal, 20 Sing, 21 Dent, 22 Bent, 24 Beal, 26 Duly.

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THE MONSTER OF GLAMIS

PROUDLY set in the lovely Vale of Strathmore stands the great Castle of Glamis, birthplace of Princess Margaret and seat of the Queen Mother's family, the Bowes-Lyons, for six centuries.

It is a castle from a fairy tale. Its mellow stone walls, ten feet thick, its rounded towers, crowned with witch-hat pinnacles, make you think at once of magic casements, of romantic Princesses under a spell.

In such a setting there must be legends, and legends of Glamis are, mysterious tales never proved nor disproved, which have persisted through the centuries, tales that are still told in this sceptical twentieth century, round the glimmering fire in Forfarshire homes on an autumn evening when the wind blows chill through the fir trees.

Secret Chamber

They are tales of the Mystery Room, a secret chamber cut into the castle walls whose whereabouts are known to only three living people, the Earl of Strathmore, the heir to the title, and the estate factor.

Glamis Castle is known all the world over as the scene of Shakespeare's "Macbeth." Some authorities claim it as the oldest inhabited house in Britain, and in the Great Hall (54ft. by 21ft. 6in.) it is easily possible to imagine the ghost of murdered Duncan calling for vengeance. One room is known to this day as King Malcolm's Room.

But according to the learned authors of the "Architecture of Scotland," a work which traces the history of every important castle north of the border, no part of the present buildings reaches further back than the 15th century, long after Duncan and his murderer were laid to

In the Mystery Room that none can find... a horror that cannot be destroyed

by
LOUIS WULFF

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rest. Yet so heavy is the air of Glamis with the weight of past mysteries that when Sir Walter Scott spent a night there he wrote that, despite history, the night scene from "Macbeth" struck him with more force than ever when he saw it on the stage.

The Mystery Room, which has challenged the curiosity of guests and investigators at Glamis so keenly, has nothing to do with "Macbeth." It is—in fact—a family secret of the Bowes-Lyons.

Dr F. G. Lee, a Scottish divine who investigated many stories of the supernatural last century, tells how strange noises coming from a certain chamber so disturbed the Lord Strathmore of the day that he went with a party of friends to the room, unlocked the door—and fell back in a dead faint at what he saw within.

Afterwards he ordered the doorway to be bricked up, nor could he ever be induced to speak of his experience.

Wall Safe?

The old folk who live round Glamis will tell you—and leave you guessing whether or not they believe it themselves—that it was that terrified Lord of Glamis.

In the old days of the clan feuds a party of Ogilvies fleeing from their enemies, the Lindesays, came to Glamis asking for shelter and protection. The Lord of that day led them into a chamber deep in the recesses of the Castle and, locking them in, left them there to starve. There their skeletons lie to this day as they died, some in the act of gnawing the flesh from their own arms. So the old folk say.

That there is a secret chamber in the Castle seems to be well established. Earl Patrick, who completed the rebuilding of the house in 1684, left behind him a Book of Record, in which he details his work and mentions a closet which he had made within the walls. This may, of course, have been intended as an early form of wall safe, to secure, in accordance with the custom of the times, jewels or private papers.

Whether its contents are innocent or as sinister as the legends declare, no one outside the family knows.

Not even the wife of the owner may, according to tradition, know the secret of the

room, or even its whereabouts. Once, it is told, in the absence of a former Earl his Countess with a party of friends determined to solve the mystery. As a first step they hung towels out of the windows of every room. When they went out to look there was one window with no towel hanging from it—but no hint of searching could bring them to the chamber's hand.

A church dignitary supplies evidence which may support the legend of a secret terror handed down generation by generation in the Bowes-Lyon family. He is the Bishop of Brecon of 77 years ago who, on a visit to the Castle, noticed that his host seemed always sad. One day he ventured to speak to him about the room, asking if there was anything he could do to help him with regard to it.

Much Touched

"Lord Strathmore," records Mr Augustus Hare, who spent much time investigating the Glamis hangings, "was much touched by his appeal, but said that no one could ever help him in that matter."

In 1537 Janet Douglas, widow of the sixth Lord Glamis, was executed on Castle Hill, Edinburgh, for witchcraft against King James V of Scotland, on an indictment afterwards confessed to be entirely false, and fanatical folk have suggested that the ghostly noises heard at Glamis may be the echoes of the carpenter's hammering as they built her scaffold.

But there are two other more macabre stories told of the Mystery Room of Glamis. One version has it that on a Sunday evening, about a hundred years before the death of Janet, the Lord of Glamis of the day, a man of high temper, devoted to gambling, could find no one to play dice or cards with him, and, assuming he would play the Devil himself if no one else would partner him.

Ghostly Game

Promptly the Devil arrived, and, of course, claimed Lord Glamis's soul at the end of the game. Since then the erring Lord is condemned to play ghostly cards in the secret room every Sunday night throughout eternity.

Most terrifying of all the Glamis legends is that of the Monster. Because of a curse on the family—perhaps in retribution for that same Sunday night gambling—at certain intervals the first-born of the family becomes a monster, a vampire, whose groans and screams haunt the castle. This creature, it is said, cannot be destroyed or left to die, so it is the responsibility of the head of the family to see that it is nurtured—but kept from public sight—in the Mystery Room. Glamis Castle has been open to visitors since 1850. In the past four years no one has found any sign of the Mystery Room. Does it exist?

Perhaps only the Queen Mother's brother, the present Lord Strathmore, knows. Next Saturday: From Prison to Parliament.



"Phew! Near thing! Beginning to think that Mr. France imagined he was at a DISarmament Conference!"

London Express Service

I WHISTLED IN GORKI STREET

☆ And the Muscovites stared at me as though I were crazy!

By George Whiting

NINETY-SIX hours in Moscow with Arsenal should be good for a few drinks at my local, but, frankly, I am already finding it a little difficult to cope with the demands to "tell me all about Russia."

Still, one has one's impressions. Mine comprised chiefly a bad case of "flu," a thick head after a bounteous Russian banquet; a smell in the nostrils from Russian drains—or, maybe lack of same; and a feeling of acute sympathy with British diplomats who are about to face the Russian winter on a diet of carrots.

The drivers

About those carrots... I heard about them at a reception they gave us after we had got past the tough-looking Russian cop posted outside the British Embassy, presided over by Sir William Hoyer-whose job, so far as I am concerned, you can keep.

"We live here like a bunch of Robinson Crusoes," said one of Sir William's staff, as we got

through our martini and salted peanuts under the bright lights of a chandelier in the ballroom of what was once the home of a Russian sugar king.

Nobody spies on the ambassadorial staff—but I should say they are well "looked after" by a squad of Russian chauffeurs. The only people allowed to drive cars out there are holders of Russian licences—and to get one of these you have to undergo a three-hour examination, in Russian, on the intricacies of the internal combustion engine. So that takes care of inquisitive foreigners.

Carrots came into the conversation when we talked about the Moscow winter beginning as of now. During the next seven months the fresh vegetable supply runs out except for carrots.

Food? That's another problem. It can take you an hour to buy the morning bread in a Soviet shop. You queue up to order your provisions, you queue up again to pay the bill, and you queue up a third time to collect your parcel.

Barrow girls

The shops, all State run, are plentifully stocked, but drab and dreary, with no attempt at capturing customers with window displays. The only private enterprise I saw came from Moscow "barrow girls" selling grapes on the street corners.

There were queues for potatoes in Gorki Street, but the women customers, frostily dressed in shawls and head scarves, seemed to have stacks of rubles to throw around.

GUM—pronounced as in "ed be gum"—is the biggest shop in the world. The Arsenal footballers and I spent three hours walking round its two miles of stone galleries seeking souvenirs. One London photographer got himself hustled off to the police station for flashing his camera at the underwear department but was let off with amused smiles when he explained that he was Arsenal's goalkeeper.

Handicapped by a fake exchange rate of just over 11 rubles to the £—as against the subsidised rate of 40 allowed the embassy staff—we were compelled to be selective in our purchases. One of our party came away with 18 wine glasses for £22. I got a bottle

of vodka for £3. A not-so-natty item of gent's suiting would have set me back £180.

Moscow, so far as I am concerned, is a city of violent contrasts—of muck and marvels. The smells, with drain pipes running smack on to the pavements are strictly sewage.

And yet the huge new university building, topped off with brilliant red stars at night, is probably the finest in the world.

There are 100-wards wide, ten-lane streets, crammed with cars of all shapes and sizes up to the swank Zis and Zim jobs at, I was told, £1,100 apiece to the comrades. I saw not a solitary bicycle. But I saw indescribably smelly slums which are strictly off the tourist routes.

The Metro stations are cathedral-like marvels of architecture, spotlessly clean. The dark and light blue trains are quiet, and run to time. But drunks were lying unheeded in the streets.

Food? Flashings of it. At the four-hour banquet given us by the Moscow Dynamics we made do with caviar, smoked salmon, beetroot soup, pork in aspic, steaks, liver in sour cream, hard-boiled eggs on sprats, breast of chicken roasted in butter, melons, mineral waters, vodka and champagne.

A bit mixed

Within a couple of hours of this little snack we were heading for home in our Russian aeroplane—which could explain the outbreak of hangovers on our travels via Minsk, Prague and Brussels.

One blurred move on the part of our Russian hosts, I thought, was to make us listen to the speeches about "peaceful co-operation" before we got to the Metro. But I enjoyed the commotion, the puppets, the dancing with the Dynamics wives, and the singing of the anthem we borrowed from the State Opera House—where it did get a little mixed up when the party came away with 18 wine glasses for £22. I got a bottle

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

I SUPPOSE every man, apart from the complete cynic, has an ideal man.

Some revere men of action, like soldiers and sailors and explorers, others would like to imitate great writers and artists, and often do. Even the great industrialists have little worshippers at their feet. Foolish people admire dynamic politicians, always forgetting that dynamic politicians are usually gifted orators, and that gifted orators are frequently rogues and deceivers.

So far as I am concerned you can have the lot. My ideal man is Ronald Burn, who, according to evidence offered in court at Stockton-on-Tees, gave up work 20 years' ago and has never done a stroke since.

Many will disagree with me, but in reply I say that the believers in hard work may be placed in two categories—those who are too stupid to appreciate leisure and the perfect peace of wanting little and doing as little as possible to get it, and those, like the big industrialists, who believe in the hard work of others to increase their profits.

In answer to this the hard work propagandists will ask: "If everybody behaved like Ronald Burn who would build the houses, ships, aircraft, and motor cars, grow food, and dig coal?"

To which I can only say let fools who like work do it and leave Ronald Burn and me in peace. And so far as growing food is concerned, we would all be much healthier if we let nature do it for us like the man who lived on grass and reached an enormous age eating his way placidly through Clapham Common.

But although I agree so profoundly with Ronald Burn's attitude towards work I would prefer to be idle with plenty of money.

When most people are asked whose personality they would have preferred if they had lived in the past most will say Hannibal, or Alexander, or Michelangelo. I have heard some depraved characters say: Nero, or Hitler, or the Fifth; and a timid little spinster once told me she wished she had been Cleopatra.

If I had my chance of living again in the past I would have preferred the role of the dissolute young squire, hunting leopards and gawling tigers and being a devil in a brawl.

I would have been tall and lean. My handsome, aristocratic face would have been lined with dissipation and my tired cynical eyes weary of beauty and fashion.

But the same tired eyes would have looked up at the sight of all the fresh-faced dairy-maids on the estate, and when I had ruined them all and along their protesting parents out of their little cottages, I would have settled down to an old age of port and gout and listened to the humbled peasantry reciting "God bless squire and all his relations" at every harvest thanksgiving.

Bumbling Letters

Dere Mrs Miffin,

YOU was wonderful agin Friday though I was sorry to ear you may be goin on TV to give beauty ints for workin women. I reckon you ought to think twice before you appear in a million omes as you ave a way with men and you might drive somebody ort is cad and git a nasty letter. Its all very well for the postman to say you ought to express yore personality in a new medium but surely you expressed it enough when you played the mother in East Lynn and got a piece all about yoreself in the local paper eaded a star is born. They say you are goin to be a smash it in Ay Fever so wot more do you want?

Although I am lookin forward to yore autumn season which will start with an october ale and pigs fry party I dont reckon you ought to do the dance of the 7 valls towards me I once seen this every night on the pictures for a week and dont reckon its the right sort of caper for a respectable widow even if you are goin to cut it down to 6 valls to make it proper. I suppose it was the postman's idea and all I can say is that with water to win the first prize at the horticultural show will think of anythink.

I ave bin readin about flyin ants wot ave been anythink in the ot weather. Afterwards all the males drop dead and the females start a new life with another usban. Good lord wot a game.

Wot about gittin spliced up? Yrs truly
G. Bumbling (andy man).

☆

Dere Mr Bumbling,
I was surprised to git yore letter as its none of yore business whether you go into a million omes on TV or not. I might ave a smash it in wots my line if you adnt poked yore nose into my affairs and I ave now decided to follow my star wherever it leads regardless. As for people writin nasty letters to me they wot do it a 2nd time if I ever git my ands on them.

Re my autumn season party and the dance of the 7 valls it was only supposed to be a joke as the 1st vail I remove is my stoie, the 2nd my caridgen, the 3rd my jumper and then my apron, shoes and skirt when I shall reveal myself in my ruffed petticoat. As promised I shant remove the 7th vail unless I take my stockings ort so yore remarks about it bein improper for a respectable a widow only shows yore mind workin.

And re yore mind why dont you forget all about the postman and is murens and stop readin about insects? First its spiders then its bees and now its flyin ants. I've read any book about the truly abili of lady earwigs I dont want to ear about it.

Meet you same time same place Friday sharp.
Yrs truly, Elias Miffen (new)
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POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Confess, Miss Fanshawe, that you too sometimes have a strange feeling that we've been here BEFORE!"

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Here's Spot Not To Double Your Foe

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN reasonably sensible opponents get to a slam contract, it doesn't pay to double them. You won't beat sensible opponents much, so your double cannot gain more than 50 or 100 points for you. If the double happens to turn sour, it will cost you far more than 50 or 100 points.

When today's hand was played, West thought that he could afford to ignore this general rule about avoiding slam doubles. He expected to win a trick with the ace of diamonds, and he thought that a trump holding would be good for two other tricks, but he was doomed to disappointment.

West opened the ace of diamonds and South ruffed. After some thought, South tested the situation by leading the ace of hearts. When East discarded a diamond, the situation was quite clear.

South led a spade to dummy's jack and ruffed a second diamond, entered dummy with the king of spades to ruff a third diamond, then cashed the

NORTH (D) 21			
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K1064			
WEST EAST			
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Q1096	None		
A854	KJ1092		
J5	Q72		
SOUTH			
Q8			
AJ8742			
None			
A83			
East-West vul			
North East South West			
1 Pass 2 Pass			
2NT Pass 3 Pass			
3NT Pass 4 Pass			
4 Pass 5 Pass			
Pass Pass			
Opening lead: A			

ace and king of clubs, followed by the ace of spades. Holding his breath, South next ruffed dummy's last diamond.

When this ruff succeeded, West was reduced to his three trumps. South could lead his leading club, and West had to ruff the trick. Now West had to lead away from his queen of hearts, thus giving the last two tricks and the doubled slam contract to declarer.

South would have made the contract, to be sure, regardless of whether or not West doubled. Hence the double cost West only 200 points. If he had beaten the slam his double would have gained only 50 points. Hence West was giving odds of better than 4 to 1 that he would defeat a contract that he couldn't actually beat. This sort of thing makes a player look foolish, and thus tends to hurt partnership morale.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: South, West North, East 1 Diamond Pass 2 Spades Pass 3?

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-8-2, Heart 4, Diamonds K-J-8-6, Clubs A-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. You intend to raise spades vigorously at your next turn, thus showing that your club bid at this moment was only a cue-bid to show the ace. You can afford to move towards a slam in this way because you have good distribution, very good support for spades, and more than a minimum opening bid in high cards alone.

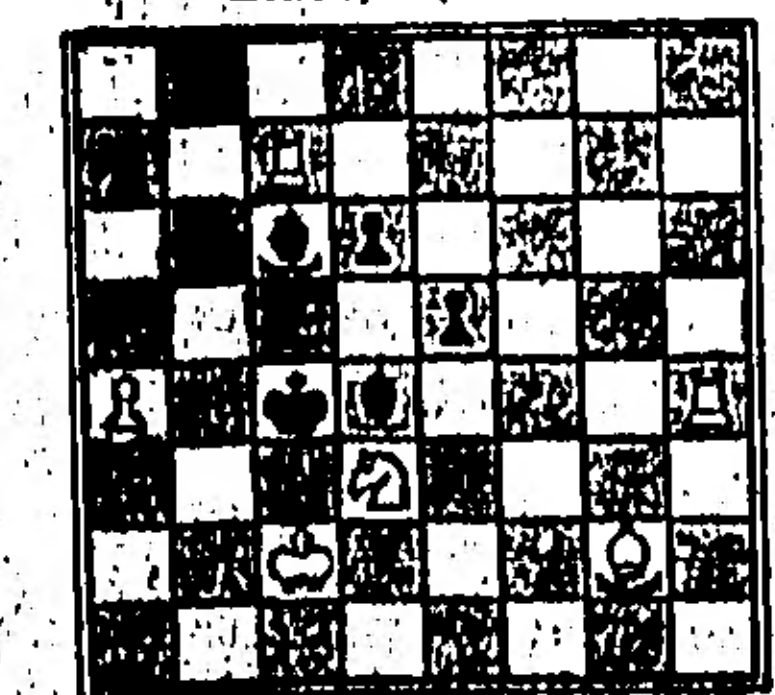
TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 6-2, Hearts 9-4, Diamonds A-K-Q-J-8-6, Clubs A-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By U. LANCIA
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. P-K3 (=K4), any; 2. Q, B, or Kt mate.



"Stop eating the vegetables!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

BORN today, you possess two governing characteristics: a constant activity and speed of action. You must be doing something every minute or you are not content. Once you get your mind set on something, there is nothing in the world that will deter you from reaching your goal—except perhaps an act of God! You will be like a rod of iron and when you want something you want it right away!

You enjoy being the centre of attraction and have an almost unending desire to know what people will like. Your magnetic personality draws people to you and your hot temper alienates some of them. People either idolize you, or dislike you intensely—and actually you don't care too much which. For those who dislike you merely offer you a challenge. You're easier to see if you can make them change their minds. Obviously, you would like a fine politician as well as a diplomat or statesman, provided you learn to count ten before you give an answer in anger.

You have an emotional nature, and will be happiest if you need while still quite young. You women are natural homemakers, and although you are inclined to "rule the roost," everyone enjoys it—including your better half.

Among those who were born on this date are: Theodore Roosevelt, 20th U.S. President; Whitelaw Reid, diplomat; Jacob D. Cox, statesman; Isaac M. Singer, inventor; Janet Scudder, sculptor; and Henry P. Hunt, promoter.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A fine day, at last! You can do successfully, all of those things you have been postponing recently.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—The god of good fortune is now smiling broadly in your direction. Take full advantage of it.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A real prediction may prove the cornerstone to your future success. Get to work on it at once.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Step up your work production now. You can reap excellent profits if you utilize foresight and plan well.

There should also be cheap seats for dogs in picture theatres, but no dog under a certain age should be allowed in unaccompanied by an adult dog. Is it not time the Post-Office announced special rates for greetings telegrams sent by dogs or cats? Just the homely words "Bow-Wow" in red and yellow, encircled by a garland of bones.

The ghost of an egg

It concerns the movement of non-existent eggs.

(Morning paper.)

THE Society for Psychical Research, on receiving complaints that a certain house was haunted by the ghost of an egg, suspected trickery. An egg-cup was left on a table in the room where the ghost was supposed to appear. A hidden watcher waited, armed with a spoon, intending to crack the impostor. At midnight, into the room floated a pale, shadowy egg. It settled itself in the egg-cup. The watcher sprang forward and brought his spoon down with a whack. The egg-cup was smashed to pieces, but the egg still hovered above the broken pieces. With a scream of fear the investigator fled.

Your representatives

They appear to be two ambitious politicians without a thought or a feeling.

(Political note.)

Electors, this is what you brought Upon yourselves; see what you've done.

Two minds without a single thought.

Two hearts that beat as none.

Without apology

DERAIN, who died the other day, was, in youth, the companion of Picasso and Braque and Vlaminck. He was born at Chatou, almost opposite Malmoulin, and two other famous men had their early homes within a few miles of Chatou. As Cézanne, opposite Boulogne, lived Paul Deroude with his mother and sister, and at La Colle-Saint-Cloud, up the road from Boulogne, Hilaire Belloc was born. If you find this boring, imagine how boring I find the things that interest you, loathsome reader.

Marginal note

HAVING studied the utterances of experts, I am convinced that the flying clouds of words which Loudness is scattering from the power station are due to the reluctance of

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

HUMAN beings, who form so large a proportion of the animal world, have been told that British Railways are to review the question of cheaper fares for dogs. This is part of an attempt to encourage dogs to use the railways.

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A Restful Path

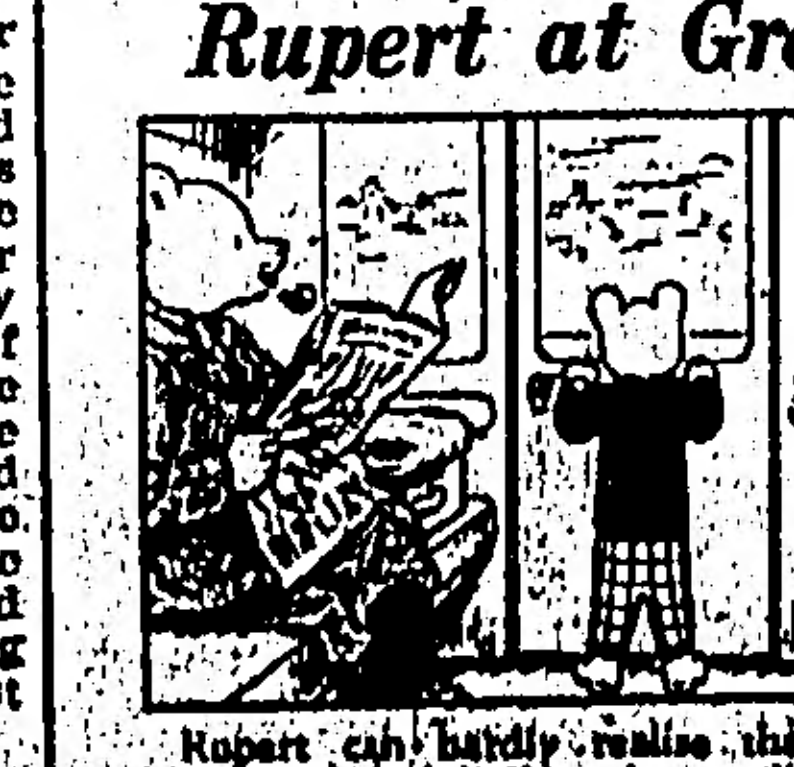
But it was one of the pleasantest paths in the world. There weren't any automobiles to have to watch out for.

There weren't any people to get out of the way of.

There were only (as we mentioned before) beetles and snails and grasshoppers and ants.

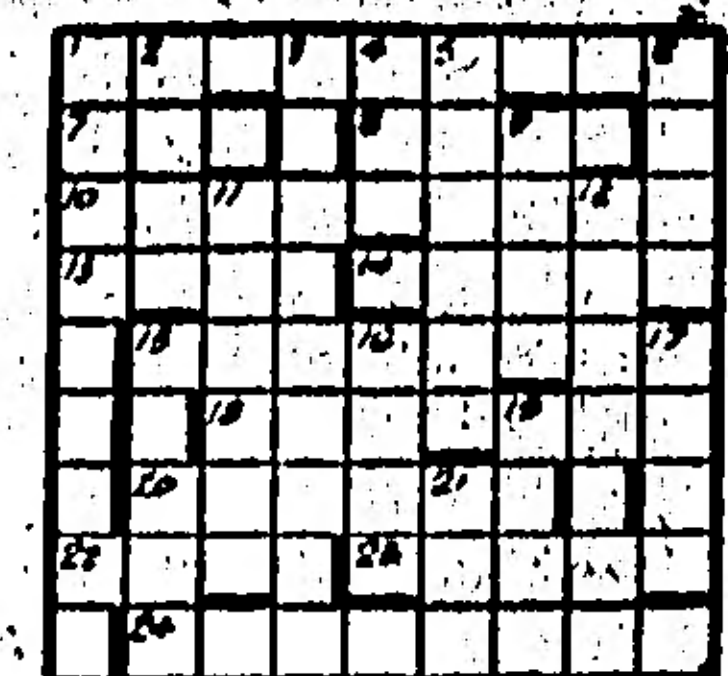
So Hanid walked down the path, singing and humming and stopping every now and then to tie her shoelace which kept coming undone, and brush away a curl which kept sliding in front of her eye, and to look to the right and to the left and also in front to make sure she didn't trip over any rocks and twigs and roots, or catch her dress on any bushes and logs, or bump by

Rupert at Greyrocks Cove—6



Rupert can hardly realize that his unexpected holiday has really begun, but when the train is under way and he has watched the houses of Newland disappear he at last feels that he is on his way to Greyrocks Cove.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Menu comes (anag.). (9)
 - The answer, the conquering hero comes! (8)
 - British one was widely worn a few winters ago. (4)
 - They work in the village smithy or in the flat above! (9)
 - Little thing in the big headlines. (4)
 - Corner in the Negro Minstrel. (5)
 - Flag goes into the wood, but it has to be turned out. (8)
 - Aberdeen City. (7)
 - Curry-wire did. (6)
 - It puts the star in the picture. (4)
 - Father comes from the pageant! (5)
 - Employ again—and it's not quite a lady kind of plum. (8)
- Down
- A mesh, lady, and spare my blushes. (9)
 - The team is a bit backward. (8)
 - Make a condensed version. (9)
 - Animal—but apparently not for me. (8)
 - Robinson Crusoe's favourite colour? (4)
 - It's a (4)
 - Town of renown. (4)
 - Buccaneer chief. (6)
 - King (anag.). (7)
 - Yield to someone else's opinion. (4)
 - A gal should find that a good swimmer wins here. (4)
 - Mansion for a sitting tenant? (4)
 - The very one makes an indignant answer. (4)
 - Curate's was read in para. (3)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

DUMB BELLS

WHAT KIND OF A BOAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP OF THOSE FLOATING UNIVERSITIES?



Six-foot Beauties In Demand

NEW YORK.

BEAUTY comes in long-stemmed containers in Manhattan these days.

A statuesque blonde named Sandy Edmondson is responsible for a booming business in models, radio and television work for towering beauties.

Mrs. Edmondson, who is six feet, two and one-half inches tall in heels, has set up an agency for tall girls only. The agency, called Glamazon, has 66 beauties on its roster, averaging six feet in height, barefoot.

None of the girls is under five feet, seven inches. Some soar to six feet four and one-half in heels.

Mrs. Edmondson, the wife of a Jersey City, N.J. truck driver, and mother of three, explained why she started the agency.

"No one ever wants to manage the career of the tall girl," she said. "Height is an obstacle unless the girl finds the right spot. I decided we all should have a clearing house."

Tall girls are in demand for photographic assignments, for advertising and promotion, and for fashion shows.

"Few of the Glamazons specialise in fashion," she said. "High fashion calls for skinny and flat-chested girls. Most of ours are the pin-up type."

So is the head of the agency who had a modelling career and was Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe chorine before her marriage. Mrs. Edmondson measures 39, 26, and 30, and weighs 138 pounds.

The agency boasts a willowy ballerina from Latvia, a model and actress who had a successful career on the London stage and British television before she came to New York, and several German and French-born girls.

"But," said Mrs. Edmondson, "the United States still grows 'em taller than anywhere else."

Her advice to any tall girl, anywhere:

"Wear high heels. Your feet look monstrous in flats."

"Quit crying. Why was I born tall? Stand up and let the world see you. Use to your advantage what nature gave you more of than others got."

United Press.

WOMANSENSE

★ Ann Sharpley finds people with a different way of looking different

ODDNESS Is The Idea

WOULD you dare to wear odd shoes, odd gloves, odd earrings? Does the idea horrify—or does it intrigue?

Among the people who dress-up it's a tonic tip for the question "What can I wear that's different?"

The answer is, not to wear something different—but to wear it differently.

It's the "double-take" trick that makes people look once, look twice (and needs a cool way with the remark: "Isn't there something odd about you today?")

Here is a top-toe survey of some of the ways it is being worn and the women who dare to wear it.

BLACK AND WHITE

EARRINGS. Jackie Jackson, model, wears enormous ball earrings but has one black and one white.

"I bought two pairs the same in black and white," she explains, "so that when I'm not feeling erratic I can still be all-black or all-white."

SHIRT. Mrs. Gerald Legge's yachting shirt has yellow gingham draughtboard checks to starboard and royal blue checks to port.

It wears it with a skirt in the same royal blue as the shirt. To get away with it the checks have to be identical. A different scale check would make it look very complicated," she says.

TWO CRAVATS

SCARVES. Diana Wynyard likes to wear two cravats to a plain dress.

"I tie them to get a different colour below each shoulder, and I love to try unusual colour combinations, like my favourite, which is bright pink and bright red."

HOUSEHOLD HINT

To keep slices of apple from turning brown, put them in cold, slightly salted water until ready for use.

CONTRAST

Yes, Ennio Gayon is wearing two differently coloured gloves. One is red, the other green.

GLOVES. Ennio Gayon wears one green evening glove and one red.

"They go with a white nylon-straw cocktail dress which has red and green embroidered decorations," she explains.

"I went to real trouble to exactly match the red and green. You can't afford to be a fraction off or it would look a hideous mess."

SKIRT. Avis Scott has a circular felt skirt which is half black and half citron yellow.

"Everything else I wear with it is black and plain except for earrings in the same yellow," she says.

TWO-COLOUR JEANS

JEANS. Helen Cherry wears two-colour jeans with one leg in red and the other in green.

Her comment: "Very slimming. I'm having some more made in blue and yellow."

SHOES. Toni Frost, model, likes to wear odd shoes to informal evenings.

"I have several pairs of coloured ballerina shoes and like to mix them up."

"It causes some amusement, and some horror," she says. "The shoes must be exactly alike except in colour and, of course, everything else worn with it has to be very plain."

HELENE CORDET confesses to "losing her nerve" after putting on odd shoes and odd gloves, matching vertically.

"I decided it looked simply wonderful until I went out into the street and saw people's expression," she says. But she wears a sun top made of four scarves and four knots.

MOST INTRIGUING

And a most intriguing "double-take" trick can be done with scent.

Miss Flora Honeywood, director of a cosmetic company, likes to use two different perfumes.

"I dab a different scent on each upper arm, and the warmth of the skin brings out the two fragrances in a most intriguing way."

"I call it my shot-silk effect, but of course you have to make sure the two perfumes blend pleasantly first."

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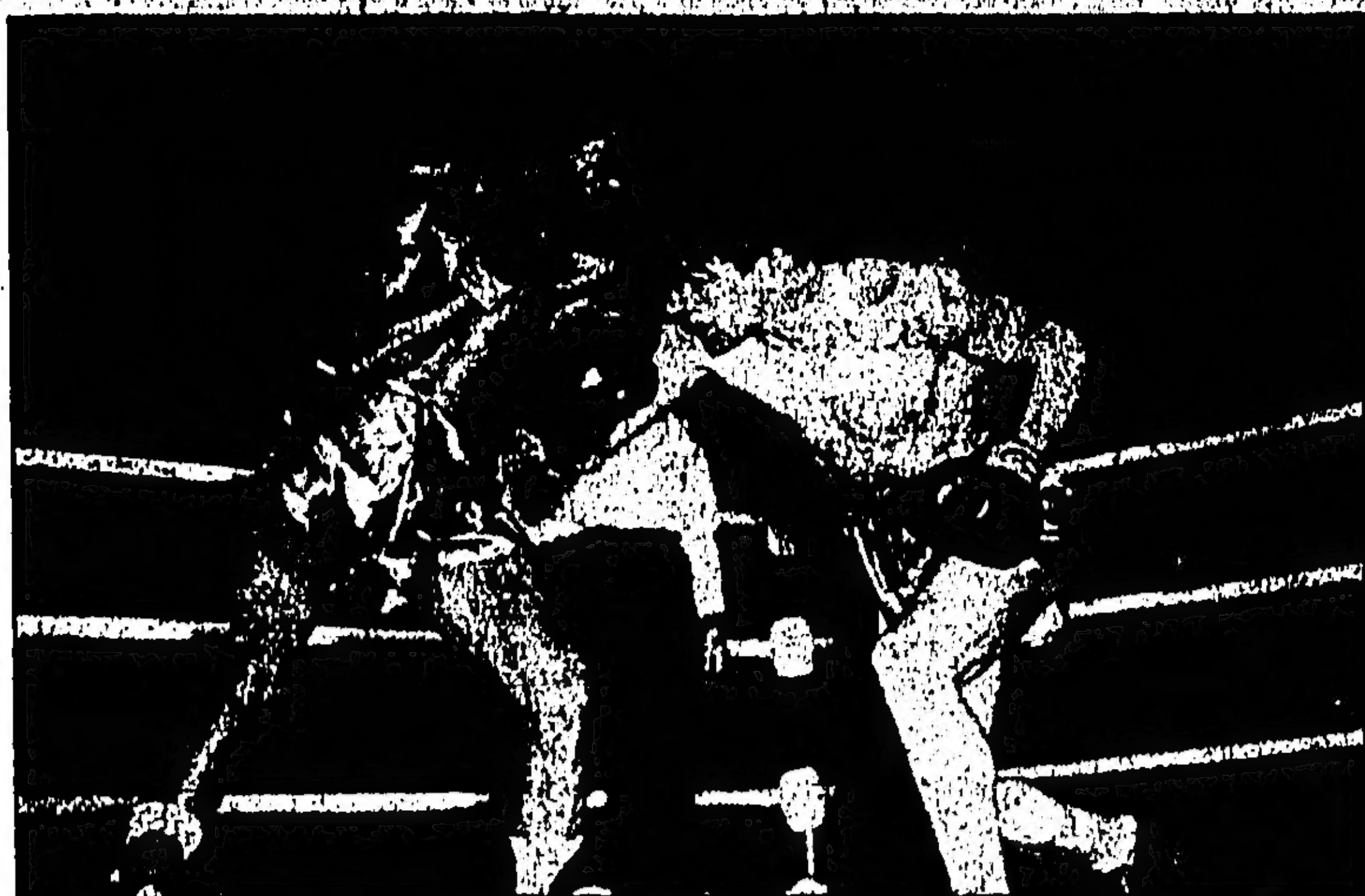
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FLYWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT



Jake Tuli (left) and Dai Dower during the fight at Harringway for the British Empire Flyweight Championship. Dower won on points.

Aussies Protest Against Japanese Baseball Visit

Canberra, Oct. 26. The Federal Congress of Australian Returned Soldiers League representing most of Australia's ex-soldiers today condemned the proposed visit to Australia by the Japanese baseball team, Tokyo Giants.

The Congress carried the motion after a heated debate in which speakers attacked the proposal that the team's first game be on Remembrance Day, November 11.

The mover of the motion was New South Wales President of the League, W. Yeo, who asked why Japanese sportsmen should come to Australia on a commercially-sponsored tour to take money out of Australian pockets. The Federal President of the League, Sir George Holland, appealed to delegates not to let their feelings run wild.

"There is no use talking about taking money out of the Australian purse. We are happy to let them come here," said Yeo. "It is realized there was suffering in the war but there are other circumstances and future generations of Australians had to be considered."

Another motion carried protested against the introduction of Japanese commercial sporting interest into Australia.—Reuter.

"A FITT"

Melbourne, Oct. 27. The Melbourne Age said in an



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Colony's Thomas Cup Team Selected

At the meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association's Organising Committee held at the Commerce Club last night the selections for the Colony's representatives to play against Japan for the Thomas Cup were made.

The Thomas Cup matches will be played on November 11 and 12 at the Macpherson Playground, Kowloon.

The following is the team: Ramon Young, Bill Frank, J. B. Pomeroy, Dr. Low Kiu-soo, Robert Tay and Patrick Wong.

Non-playing Captain and Manager: W. D. Brown.

Little Sai Wan Win "Exiles" Cycle Race

The RAF "Kai Tak Exiles" promoted the Open Friendly Two-Time Trial Cycle Race over a 25-mile course last Sunday and at the appointed time, nine pairs were sent off into the fresh wind by starters, and time-keepers F/Lt R. Stephens and F/Sgt Whitmore.

SAC's Poole and Foster of the "Exiles" was the first pair away and were followed by the other pairs at two minute intervals.

The course started at the REME Camp and headed into the wind towards Route 2 in the direction of Un Long, and although the turn onto Route 2 was at a severe angle to the Sek Kow Road, the wind still surprisingly lay ahead of the riders.

It was only at Fanling, when they turned in to the pleasant Golf Course Road did the wind come to be a hindrance.

The race was twice around the 10-mile circuit, and in the second lap, the wind was stronger.

Poole and Foster, maintaining a fast and steady pace, were first home in 1 hr. 20 mins. 58.5 secs.

Second home were LAC's Wilkinson and Gower of Sal Wan, the eventual winners by 22 secs. In the first time of 1 hr. 23 mins. 10 secs.

REME's riders, Rylance and Ayson, caught and passed Candy and Robinson of 20 Fd Regt in the final sprint, to register 1 hr. 23 mins. 38 secs. for second place.

Two pairs from the "Exiles", Thompson and Brown and Daniel and Chatterton, met with bad luck. The former ran off course after missing Route 2, whilst the latter pair had words with a "walking haystack" in their second lap.

The next event will be a 25-mile T.T. which will take place on Sunday. The start is scheduled for 2.30 p.m.

The following is the result of the Open Friendly: 1. Wilkinson and Gower (L. Sal Wan)—1:23:10; 2. Rylance and Ayson (REME)—1:23:38; 3. Poole and Foster (K.T.E.); 4. Martin and Tracer (L. Sal Wan); 5. Candy and Robinson (20 Fd Regt).

How much speed and power play count in a modern game

THE BEST TENNIS IN THE WORLD SEEN AT CHATER ROAD

By "ARGONAUT"

Wimbledon, Forest Hills and, in fact, all the greatest tennis centres of the world were brought to more than 1,500 local followers of the game yesterday at the Hongkong Cricket Club Centre Court by Jack Kramer and his accompanying trio of Frank Sedgman, Pancho Gonzales and Pancho Segura.

For exactly three hours the capacity crowd were entertained to what was not only the greatest tennis that they have seen in Hongkong but also what was probably the best that the tennis world can offer today.

From Frank Sedgman, they had unfortunately only a glimpse of the form which gave him a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 and 6-2 80-minute triumph over Drobny in the 1952 Wimbledon final.

The Australian was evidently not at his best in his opening Singles match against the Ecuadorian Champion, Pancho Segura who earned a fourth-seeded place in the 1948 Wimbledon Championships.

A cold contracted recently in Manila and the comparatively slow court were probably contributing factors to his inability to get going in the first two sets. Playing mainly from the base, Sedgman found some trouble in gaining full control of his ground shots which frequently went either to the net or over the base.

His form in these two sets explained also to some extent how he was eliminated at Wimbledon in 1950 by Paoli by 6-1, 6-10 and 6-2 and by Herbert Flam in 1951 by 2-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 and 7-5 after starting as No. 1 favourite in both these years.

STOLE THE SPOTLIGHT

It was the short and swarthy Ecuadorian who stole the spotlight in these first two sets, with his steady ground placement strokes, which included a two-handed forehand drive, and his plucky retrievals.

An excellent showman, he kept the crowd well amused with some of his antics. On two occasions, after having Sedgman outmanoeuvred, he pointed to his head with an air of utter satisfaction to indicate how "brains" had won these points.

Sedgman won the first set by 6-4 after having been led by 3-1. Segura again took a 3-1 lead in the second set, but succeeded this time in holding it at 4-2 and taking set at 6-2.

However, the real Sedgman came to life in the third set when he set a scorching pace with a brilliant exhibition of the big game.

Powerful serves, crisp follow-up volleys and lightning passing drives left Segura with no answer. Sedgman took the first five games with a loss of only four points. Segura fought back pluckily in the sixth game but Sedgman romped home comfortably by 10-15 in the next game to win the third set in 15 minutes.

BIG OVATION

Jack Kramer, the 1948 Wimbledon Doubles Champion and the 1947 Wimbledon Singles Champion, who has been generally ranked with "Riders" as the most complete stroke player, received a big ovation when he entered the court for the second Singles match of the afternoon against Pancho Gonzales.

Seven years, however, is a long time in the career of a tennis player and it was a much slower and older Kramer than the short-cropped six-footer who dominated the 1947 Wimbledon Championships and the Davis Cup Challenge Round between America and Australia at Forest Hills in the same year.

The flowing ground strokes, especially the backhand and the scientific all-round game, were, however, ably demonstrated by this great past master of the game.

One writer has said that in a half-decade of Wimbledon Champions in which Kramer, Paoli, Paikensburg, Schroeder, Paoli, Sedgman and Drobny served and volleyed their way to victory, the greatest ground-stroke player has been Kramer.

How much speed and power play count in a modern game

was amply demonstrated in this match between Kramer and Gonzales.

Towering with a six-foot-five strongly-built body, Gonzales, who won the U.S. National Championship in 1951 and the Professional title at Wimbledon in the last two years, seemed to bristle with power and might.

The serve-volley game was never better illustrated than by these two players, both of almost similar style. Gonzales presented a replica of what Kramer would have been like at his best, with probably the additional asset of a more powerful service.

TERRIFIC POWER

Although Gonzales' ground strokes could not approach those of Kramer in accuracy, they were executed with terrific power behind them and the passing drives were more often winners than not.

Kramer, who once showed in a training film how he could serve almost with a 100 per cent accuracy to the corner of the opposite court at his prime, opened the game with an excellent demonstration by sending Gonzales along the middle-line.

He followed this up with another ace to the far corner of the court, and took the first game with a love score.

There seemed, however, to be no stopping Gonzales' powerful game when he got going with even his second service almost as fast as his first. Despite a double-fault in the fourth game, Gonzales took the next four games in a row and concluded the first set with a series of lightning services, volleys and drives to take it by 6-2 in exactly 20 minutes.

Kramer held Gonzales to 3-3 in the second set and gamely held on to 4-5 before giving way to his youthful opponent by 6-4. Gonzales gave the most impressive display in these opening games and seemed to be a shade faster than Sedgman who, however, possessed a more accurate second serve.

The match between these two, who are probably the greatest tennis players in the world today, will be a rare treat this afternoon.

The Doubles match between Gonzales and Segura and Kramer and Sedgman produced forty minutes of brilliant, aggressive tennis with all four players excelling in services, volleys, half-volleys and overhead smashes.

The faster, harder-hitting and more consistent Gonzales and Segura won comfortably by 6-2 and 6-3.

A FEW POINTERS

The visitors will play their last games in Hongkong this afternoon and it will not be out of place here to give a few

ORIENT BOXING FEDERATION BEING FORMED

Tokyo, Oct. 26. The Japanese, Philippines and Thai Boxing Commissioners conferred here today on the formation of an Oriental Boxing Federation.

The Philippines Boxing Commissioner, Alfred Guidote, and the Thai deputy commissioner, Pohn Panichpakdi, attended today's conference.

A conference spokesman said it was expected that an announcement concerning the formation of a federation would be made tomorrow.—China Mail Special.

pointers to local followers of the game on some useful points to watch in this afternoon's games.

First of course there is the cannonball service of Gonzales in which he brings the right foot half a step forward, before hitting the ball and also the position of the ball when it is hit.

It is interesting to note also that both Gonzales and Kramer do not employ the high-kicking second service which is regarded by some tennis experts as a fault rather than a good shot.

The ground strokes of Kramer and Gonzales appear to be a little different from those of Sedgman and Segura, both of them using much shorter swings for the forehand and taking the ball very early and nearer to the body than usually seen.

The volleys of all four players should give spectators another instructive point to watch and should dispel the fallacy that to get the maximum speed out of them is to meet the ball with the flat face of the racket.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Singles
Frank Sedgman beat Pancho Segura 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.
Pancho Gonzales beat Jack Kramer 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles
Gonzales & Segura beat Kramer & Sedgman 6-3, 6-2.

TODAY'S GAMES

Singles
3 p.m. Kramer v Segura.
5 p.m. Sedgman v Gonzales.
Doubles
6 p.m. Kramer & Gonzales v Sedgman & Segura.

World Basketball Championship Standings

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 26. Standings in the first round of the second World Basketball Championships here are as follows:

Group A—Brazil, 4. Philippines, 3. Paraguay, 2. Brazil and Philippines advance to final round.

Group B—USA, 4. Canada, 1. Peru, 1. USA advances to final, Canada and Peru play tonight.

Group C—France, 2. Uruguay, 2. Yugoslavia, 2. Yugoslavia goes to the consolation round since France and Uruguay each are certain to score a point in tonight's game.

Group D—China, 3. Chile, 2. Israel, 1. Israel and Chile play tonight.

It is a round-robin tournament. Two points for the winner of a game, one for the loser, none for loss by forfeit.

Two teams in each group go into the eight-team round-robin final, the four others go into a consolation round.—United Press.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 26. Canada defeated Peru 68 to 58 in one of the World Amateur Basketball Championships games being played here today.

The shooting accuracy, speed and defensive vigour of the Peruvian team was more than enough to offset the advantage won by the height of the Canadian team.—United Press.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 26. Uruguay defeated France 58 to 48 in their game in the World Basketball Championship Tournament here tonight.

France led Uruguay 34 to 15 at half time.—United Press.



The officials of the enterprising and enthusiastic Boxing Club at District Workshops REME are welcome guests in the spot of honour at the top of the parade this week.

The officials did a grand job in conjunction with the China Gymnasium in arranging the big show at the Macpherson Stadium last Saturday. There is no doubt in the minds of those who attended that this was a really grand first attempt, and the contestants contrived to give of their very best in an effort to make the promotion a success where it mattered most. . . . in the ring.

REME introduced some interesting new personalities and there is every indication that they will be well represented when the various Land Forces Championships come round.

Craftsmen Mullen and Bernstein were particularly impressive and although the latter was beaten on a knockout against Sgt. Inst. Weaver he did enough to show that he will be a prominent figure in our boxing affairs during the coming season.

Mullen turned in a very satisfactory performance against a tough and strong local boy, Gilbert Hugh, and, apart from the accuracy of his short punching, he showed that he was not afraid to mix it with a hard-punching opponent.

As usual our friends from the Army Physical Training Corps did excellent work in refereeing, timing, and judging the bouts, and the air of efficiency around the ring was most noticeable.

Well done, REME . . . keep up the good work.

The final of the Ayerst McKenna Football Cup Competition will be played at the Army Ground, Boundary Street, on Friday afternoon when 20 FOS and 9 FHS meet 33 General Hospital.

This promises to be an interesting game as the Hospital team beat BMH in the semi-final and their final opponents defeated 18 Field Ambulance by 4 goals to 2.

The kick-off is timed for 8 o'clock.

The current visit of Jack Kramer and his professional colleagues to the Colony has aroused much interest among tennis enthusiasts and Army players were out in strength at yesterday's games.

The standard of play was exceptionally high and it is certain that the Army players came away with many new ideas and probably some with new ambitions.

BASKETBALL NEWS
Basketball is once again enjoying a wave of popularity in the Army and I have three interesting pieces of news about the game.

The first of these concerns a game to be played tomorrow night at the European YMCA, Kowloon, in which a strong Hongkong & Kowloon Garrison team will tackle a combined Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers side from the New Territories.

This looks like being a spot of first rate entertainment and it seems certain that there will be good crowds to see the game, which is listed to start at 9 p.m.

A course for basketball officials is being held at Victoria Barracks from Tuesday, November 9, to Wednesday, November 10, inclusive.

And finally, there is news of the 1954 Inter-Unit League. The Major Units will be divided into three sections, each of five teams. The leagues have been designated New Territories North, New Territories South, and Hongkong and Kowloon.

For the Minor Units there are five leagues each with five teams and the breakdown is as follows:—New Territories 'A' and 'B', Kowloon East, Kowloon West, and Hongkong.

From that information it will be seen that 40 teams will be in action and it looks as though some excellent play and some keen competition is ahead.

TRUCKS GO UP
Still the figures go up. When the Army Football Federation held their meeting at the NAAFI Tavern on Saturday morning there was a record attendance of 45. But still the statistics which are not published, but which are well known to those in the know, are that the number of trucks in the Colony is increasing at a rapid rate.

The Army soccer side is still struggling to produce the sparkling form of last season. After their very disappointing performance in the Royal Air Force they will be anxious to do well when they meet King Two at the Club Stadium tomorrow evening. It is expected that the line-up will be along the usual lines.

Geneva-Bombay Car Rally

The Geneva-Bombay Car Rally, which is being held from October 20 to November 1, is a very interesting event. It is a long-distance rally, covering a route of over 10,000 miles. The rally is open to all cars, and is a great opportunity for car enthusiasts to see some of the best cars in the world. The rally is being held in conjunction with the Geneva Motor Show, and is a great opportunity for car enthusiasts to see some of the latest models. The rally is being held in conjunction with the Geneva Motor Show, and is a great opportunity for car enthusiasts to see some of the latest models.

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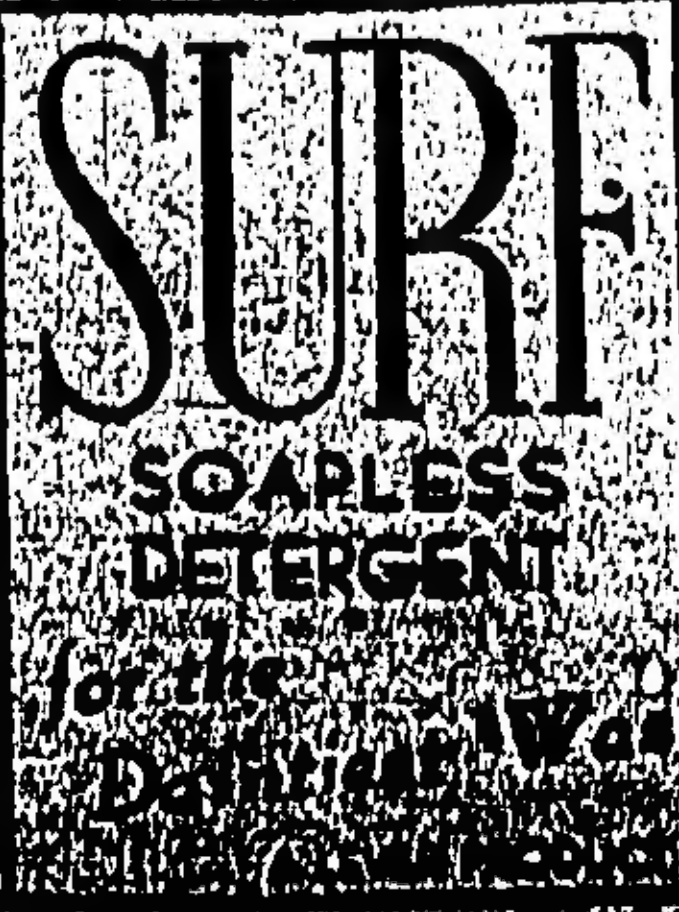
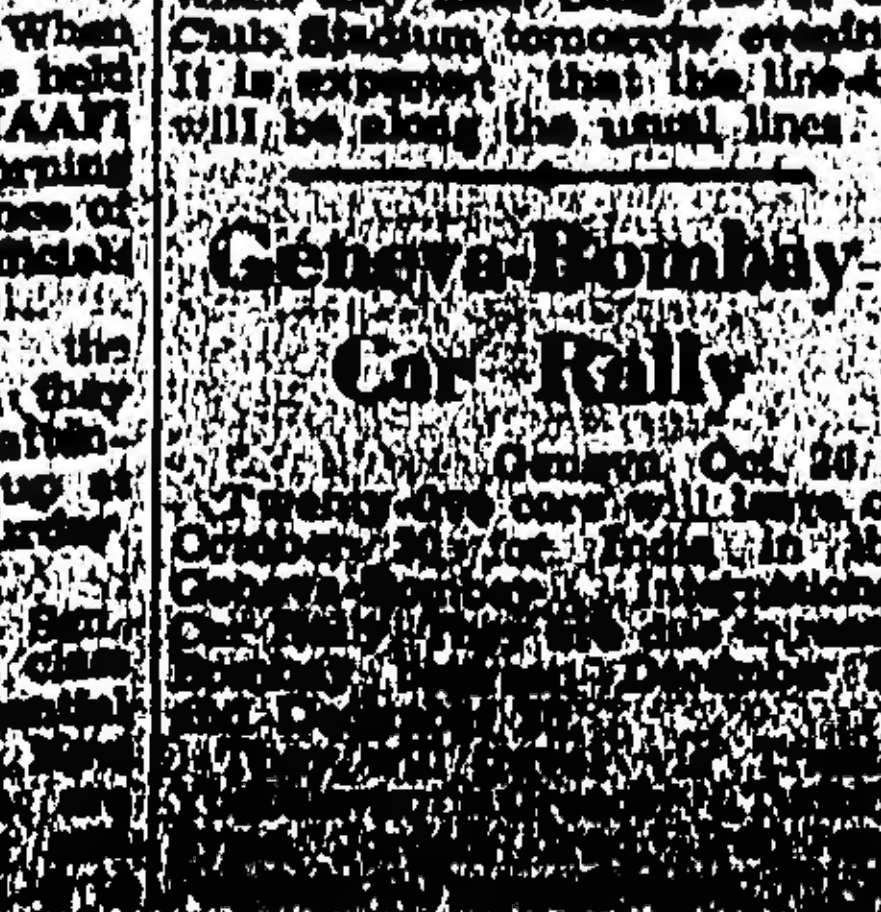
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U.S. Davis Cup Team Leaves For Australia On November 5

New York, Oct. 26. Tony Trabert of Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton-Richardson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and two junior players will leave by plane for their Australian tennis tour from Los Angeles on November 5, the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association announced today.

The two novice players who will accompany the U.S. Davis Cuppers are Jerry Moss of San Francisco, the U.S. Junior Champion, and Mike Green of Miami Beach, winner of the nationwide Junior Chamber of Commerce competition, and runner-up in the Junior tournament.

All four players will participate in the New South Wales Championship.

The Seniors of Philadelphia, U.S. National Singles Champion, will not be able to play in the New South Wales Championship because of commitments at home. Bill Talbot of New York, U.S. Davis Cup captain, is hospitalized at present and may not be able to join the Australian tour until the Victorian Championships, which begin on November 25. The U.S.L.T.A. announced.

RAPC Win Annual Cricket Match

The annual Corps cricket match between the RAPC and RAEC took place yesterday at Kowloon Cricket Club and resulted in a win for the Pay Corps by an innings and 47 runs.

The Education Corps, winning the toss, elected to bat first and were immediately tied down by some accurate bowling. They were all out for 41 runs within the space of an hour and a quarter.

Starting before lunch, the RAPC scored slowly but steadily until the interval. After lunch, Denton-Thomson came in, following the dismissal of Hadden for 20, and off the third ball bowled to him put the Pay Corps in front. Riley, the Army Football Captain, joined him and in a bright knock, which included five fours and a terrible six which carried his bat for an unbeaten 45 when the Pay Corps declared at 122 for six wickets, leaving the RAEC with one hour to bat.

The Education Corps fared even worse than in the first innings, being all out for a meagre 34.

THE SCORES
Ladies' Division
Dorians 87, R.G.V. 41, at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

SUNDAY
Men's First Division
Y.M.C.A. v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Second Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Third Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Fourth Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Fifth Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Sixth Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Seventh Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Eighth Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Ninth Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Tenth Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Eleventh Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

Men's Twelfth Division
Bournemouth v. R.G.V. at Bournemouth, 45 p.m. (Umpires: M. Moore, R. Buz).

KEEPING FIT FOR THE TESTS AHEAD



Left to right—Frank Tyson, Johnny Wardle, Bill Edrich and Vic Wilson found the air exhilarating enough to trot along the beach on the shores of the Indian Ocean at Bunbury, Western Australia, before the start of the MCC tour.—Central Press Photo.

The Three Day Stage Race In January Will Be The Cycling Event Of The Season

Says "NTACA"

The main subject of conversation among Colony Cyclists today is the proposed Three Day Stage Race to be held on January 7, 8 and 9 next. Promoted by the NTACA, and open to all bona-fide Club cyclists in the Colony, the event comprises two Massed-Start races, on the first and third days, and a Time Trial on the second day.

In addition to the usual awards for the first three place winners and the members of the winning team, there is also a special "King of the Mountains" prize, based on performances on set hills during the Massed-Start stages.

It is expected that a prominent U.K. cycle manufacturer will donate a Team trophy for annual competition and in addition a number of minor awards will be given by other makers of accessories. All in all, this looks to be THE event of an eventful season.

One question exercising the minds of all interested in the good of the game in Hongkong is that of the all-conquering REME C.C. Team. So far this season they have not been beaten in Association events, their latest exploit being the winning of the "Duke's Farm" Challenge Cup with five riders in the first six finishers, taking all the awards apart from that given to the leading Novice.

In the interest of the sport, should the team be handicapped in some way, at least in Association events? Or must we carry on until some Unit team arises to take the place of the recently departed Welch Regt. as chief opponents?

It is an important matter, because nothing is more stultifying to any sport than the knowledge that one team or individual is an almost certain winner in every event. One thing at least is certain. The three RAF teams, from Sal Wan, Sek Kong and Kai Tak, will provide the very stiffest opposition to the REME boys in Open events.

"DARK HORSES"

Other "dark horses" are the lads from the SCAA cycling section. They are out on the New Territories roads every week-end, training like mad and without doubt getting remarkably fit. All they need now is the experience and the "know-how" of the racing game to put them at or near the head of many finishing lists.

They have appointed Capt. Lord, the NTACA Secretary and man behind the REME C.C., to be their Technical Adviser and will certainly capitalise on his knowledge of the finer points of the game to give them the edge they require.

Track racing has its chance to gain popularity with the Hongkong sporting public, when on November 7, two cycling events are included in the Novices Meeting, a 12 laps "Devil-take-the-Hindmost" and a 3 Miles Scratch Race. Similar races are also scheduled for the three major Athletic meetings of the coming season. Much credit is due to the HKAAA for taking this forward step. It is up to the cyclists themselves to take full advantage of the opportunity.

In spite of the paucity of roads in the Colony, there are quite a few cyclists interested more in the Touring than Racing aspects of their pastime. A Sek-Kong Touring club has been formed, fostered by the NTACA, and is open to all cyclists, "Serious or Civilian." Anyone, interested should contact Capt. Ambrose, 11 Lat. Wasp. REME, who is keen to see a successful touring group in the area.

The competition for the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships

Around Hollywood With MICHAEL RUDDY

WEDDING BELLS RING OUT FOR JANE POWELL AND PIER ANGELI

Wedding bells were ringing out in Hollywood last week with Jane Powell marrying Pat Nerney ("We'll honeymoon in London and Paris and Rome and live in Beverly Hills when we return"), Pier Angeli marrying Vic Damone and Eleanor Parker admitting that when her divorce is final next month, her third husband will be portrait painter Paul Clemens.

Battling Susan Hayward lost her request in the Los Angeles courts to take her twin sons with her to Hongkong for the location filming of "Soldiers of Fortune", an adventure yarn set in the British Colony with Clark Gable as the soldier of fortune and David Niven as the British inspector.

"If I can't take my boys, I won't go," said the fiery redhead. If she doesn't go, then Hongkong will come to her by the magic of process backgrounds. Only problem is that in Cinemascope, this technique is more difficult to match with the actual location sequences.

Now he's over 60. For many years he has been 39. In court he admitted he was over 60 in his effort to prevent the U.S. Government collecting over one million dollars in income taxes. The name—Jack Benny. He sold his Amusement Enterprises company to Columbia Broad-casting for more than \$2½ million. His claim: it was a capital gains deal, therefore only 25 per cent income tax. The government claim: it was personal income, therefore 75 per cent tax.

Where do stars go when they finish a film? I have often been asked this in letters from Britain. Let's look at "Moonfleet" which ended last week. Joan Greenwood returned to London for a play "The Moon and the Chimney". She returned sans eyebrows (plucked for better close-ups) and her hair was dyed five different tints before they got what they wanted for the colour cameras.

I had to decline a good part in Danny Kaye's film "The Court Jester" and MGM wanted me to stay," said the talented, amusing British star. "But I'll probably go back next year."

Viveca Lindfors went to her seaside cottage to relax. George Sanders went home "to sleep and ponder. Most enjoyable, my boy." Stewart Granger dashed down to San Clemente for a weekend of fishing.

Jon Whiteley waited for a few days to see if he was wanted for re-takes, then with his mother and sister, went home to Monymusk, near Aberdeen, with much to tell his friends at school about filming in Hollywood and the wonders of California.

Donna Corcoran, a clever little actress, went back to school. Instead of the studio school which she and Jon attended four hours daily working in "Moonfleet", Sean McClory, John Hoyt and Alan Napier, went two days free and into another film.

SHEREE STEPS IN. The picture which Marilyn Monroe refused to do "I don't like the script. It was just a sort of re-make of two old films," MM told me, will be in action in December with an important cast. Johnnie Ray, Dan Dorey and Anne Dahl will join Sheree North in "Pink Tights".

And what's with Marilyn? "When I finish this 'Seven Year Itch' I'm going to have a vacation," she whispered in the Cafe de Paris, the studio commissary with the best food in Hollywood. "I'm getting a small house on a flat. But I've got to rest, the doctor says."

In Hollywood—her ex-husband, Joe DiMaggio, visiting his son by his first wife, Dorothy Arzner. Reconciliation with Marilyn? "No comment."

I watched rehearsals of "Casino Royale", Ian Fleming's novel, hailed by reviewers and public alike as one of the year's best thrillers. Barry Nelson, Peter Lorre, Linda Christian and Michael Pate went through

Darwin, Oct. 26. Denis Compton, the Middlesex and England cricketer, arrived here by air late tonight on his way to join the MCC. He was three days late owing to his aircraft making an emergency landing at Karachi.

Compton said on arrival that he would be continuing his journey by air to Adelaide as soon as possible. Compton was unable to leave England with the others as he needed treatment for an injured knee. It was the recurrence of an old trouble—China Mail Special.

WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are the League Hockey fixtures for the week-end, and the match likely to take the spotlight on Sunday, is the clash between R.G.V. and Army A at 2.30 p.m.

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Jasper Clark Cup Draw

The following are the draw and starting times for the Jasper Clark Cup to be played over the Old & New Course at Fanning on Sunday.

Old Course—9.15 P. G. Cornish—D. S. Robb; 9.20 E. C. Drown—W. Van Alst; 9.25 R. K. Collings—K. U. Dzung; 9.30 A. D. Duffy—F. D. Hunkler; 9.35 R. M. T. Orr—L. Saphiere; 9.40 D. Shaw—J. T. H. Ni; 9.45 J. E. Shoemaker—J. K. Watson; 9.50 D. L. Anderson—T. A. Butler; 9.55 G. O. W. Stewart—A. G. Donn; 10.00 J. L. Kay—W. P. Birtwhistle; 10.05 L. Goldman—J. B. Macle; 10.10 H. G. E. Heert—A. R. Petrie—W. G. A. Alkenhead.

New Course—9.15 J. D. Macle—L. C. Saville; 9

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"CANTON"	20th December	10th Jan., 1955

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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CHUSAN"	20th November	3rd December
"CARTHAGE"	24th November	22nd December
"CORFU"	27th December	11th Jan., 1955
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"SUNDAY"	1st November	1st December
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Prisoner Of War Agreements Now Under Review By Britain And America

London, Oct. 26. The Marquess of Reading, Britain's Minister of State, said today that laws and international agreements affecting prisoners of war were now under review in the United States and Britain.

He was replying in the House of Lords to the Earl of Cork and Orrery, an independent peer.

The Earl asked if an American committee had been set up to decide whether the existing laws and governmental and international agreements on prisoners should be reviewed particularly those captured by the Soviet Union.

The Marquess of Reading said each of the American armed services had a committee working on the problem. The results were gradually being co-ordinated and the relative aspects referred to the State Department and other Government agencies concerned.

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It was far from complete. No decision had been reached about what changes might seem desirable.

He added: "Her Majesty's Government is also studying

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Belgians Returning To Prewar Drinking Habits

Brussels, Oct. 26. Belgians, who claim to be the heaviest beer drinkers in the world, are slowly returning to their prewar drinking habits.

A sharp rise in the sale of spirits in the post-war years is now beginning to drop off and more beer is again being consumed.

Last year, Belgium's 8,500,000 population drank 1,200 million litres (266 million gallons) of beer, or an average of 141 litres (247 pints) per head, according to statistics recently published here.

But this figure, which is a postwar record, is far below the average of the years just before the World War II, when Belgians drank 190 litres (333 pints) a head each year.

Competition to beer, the country's national drink, reached its height in 1948 when the average consumption of spirits above 50 per cent proof rose to 1.57 litres (2.7 pints) a head. In addition, nearly five litres (8.6 pints) of other alcohols and wines were drunk per person.

The high cost of living and Belgium's drinking laws, which forbade the sale of spirits for consumption on the spot except in private clubs, have played their part in this new trend.

The popularity of beer in Belgium, which began in the Middle Ages, has seldom been challenged for long, however.

ALL-TIME LOW

Beer consumption in the same year dropped to an all-time low record of 126 litres (114 pints) a head—and Belgians began to forget their claim to be the largest beer drinkers in the world.

Since then, however, beer, almost invariably sold as light ale, has regained its popularity. In the last three years, Belgians have spent an annual 12,000 million francs (£88,000,000) on beer alone, out of a total of 32,000 million francs (£230,000,000) spent on all types of drink each year.

The amount spent on beer is double that paid out for milk, which is consumed at the rate of 100 litres (170 pints) per head a year.

Alcohol consumption, at just over 119,000,000 litres (26,000,000 gallons) of more than 50 per cent proof spirits a year, is still nearly nine per cent above the prewar level. But the quantity is dropping every year. Foreign spirits have become more popular than before the war.

One effect of the monopoly of the beer industry by a few breweries has been to sharpen competition and keep prices relatively low. Belgians pay between five and six francs (eightpence halfpenny to tenpence) for their third of a litre (between 1/2 and 1 pint) glass of light beer in most cafes.

Taxes on beer sales bring in about 1,500 million francs (£10,700,000) a year to the state while the total revenue from the brewing industry is about double that figure, including indirect taxes on hops, barley and malt.

FIRST EXPORTS

Since World War II Belgian breweries have been exporting beer for the first time ever in an attempt to make their brews known on the world market.

Last year, 4,300,000 litres (955,000 gallons) of beer were sold abroad, but this is still relatively little compared with the 10,000,000 litres (3,555,000 gallons) imported.

Belgian brewers blame Belgium's liberal trade policy and lack of trade barriers for the high import figures.—China Mail Special.

'Lucky' Luciano To Be Investigated

Naples, Oct. 26. "Lucky" Luciano, former American crime boss, has been summoned before a special Government commission here to answer allegations of drug and white slave trafficking.

Luciano has lived in Sicily and Naples since he was deported from the United States after the war.

"I am not worried," he said today as he sat in a Naples restaurant. "No one can give me trouble."

The complaint against him was made by the Naples police chief. Under Italy's police code, a police commissioner can ask for a special commission to "admonish" idlers, habitual vagrants who are able to work but have no means of subsistence or who are suspected of criminal activities and people designated by public opinion as socially dangerous.—Reuter.

MONTY TO OPEN CANADIAN FAIR

Ottawa, Oct. 26. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Deputy Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe, will confer with Canadian military and Government officials when he visits here between November 10 and 15. He was announced today.

The Field Marshal is due in Toronto on November 12 to open the Royal Winter Fair, Canada's chief agricultural exhibition. He is to visit Buffalo, New York, on November 13 and 14, then Toronto, and return to Ottawa on November 15.

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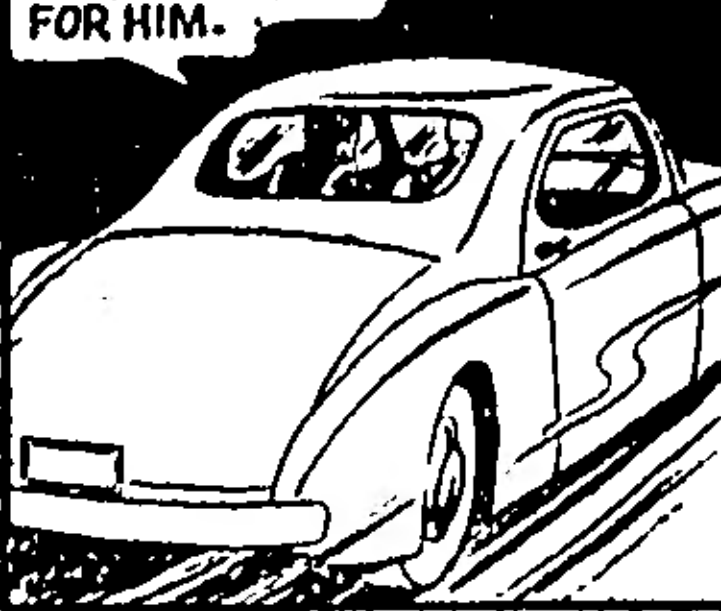
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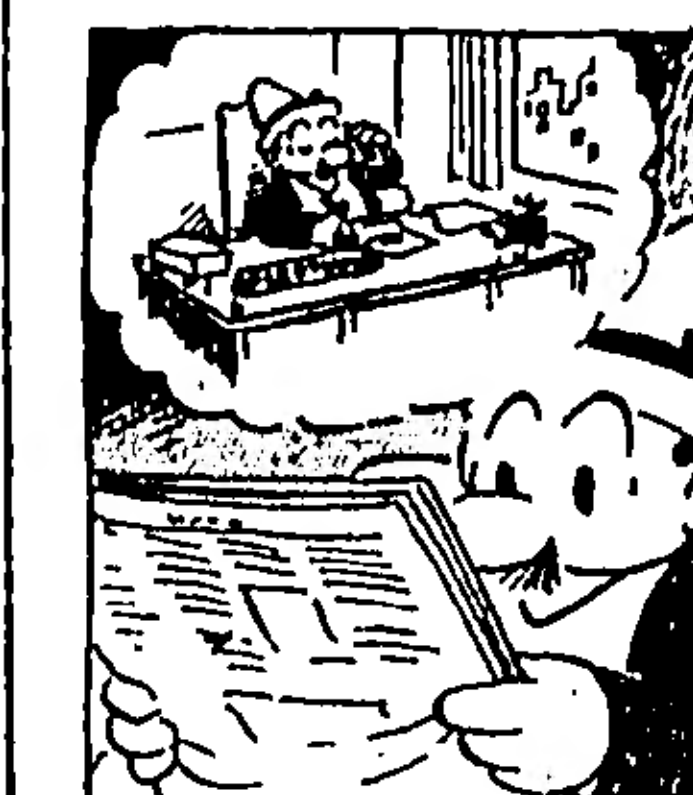
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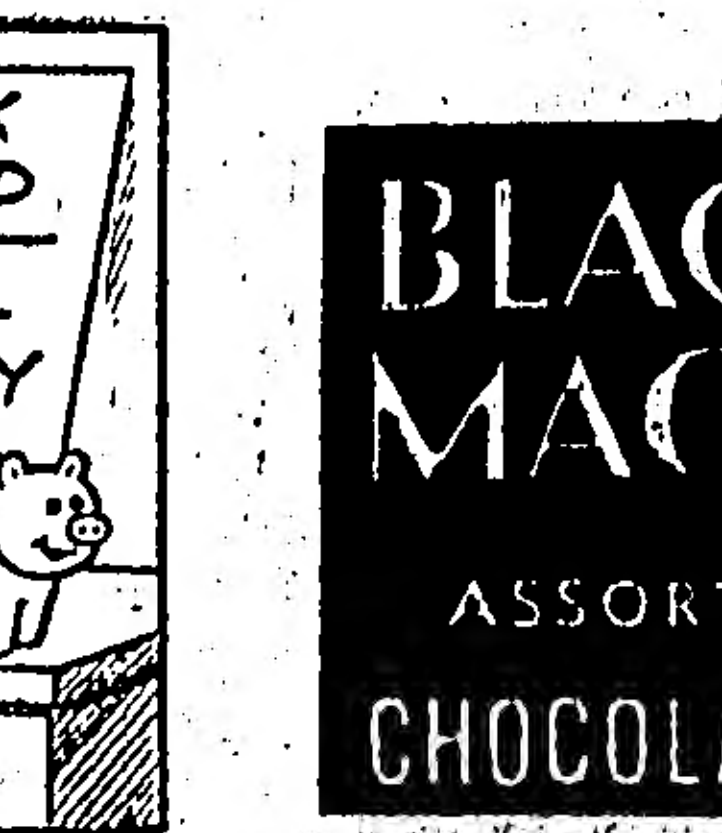
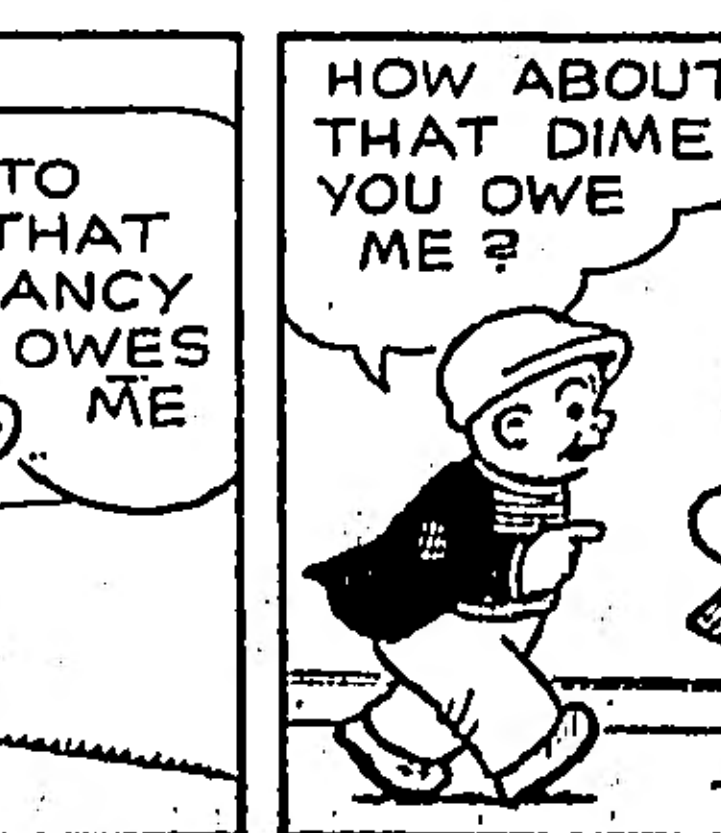
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